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ANNO XXV.
HENRICI
VIII.



ACTIS MADE

IN THE SESSION OF

THIS PRESENT PARLIMENT

holden bypon prorogacion at West-
mynster, the XXV. daye of Januarie,

in the XXV. yere of the reygne of our most graddes so-
ueraygne lordes kynge HENRY the. VIII. and

there continued and kepte tyll the

XXX. daye of Marche than

next ensawing: to the ho-

nour of god and

holy Church,

and for

the

common weale and profite

of this his realme.

LONDINI

IN OFFICINA THOMAE BAR-

THELETI TIPIS

IMPRES.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPR-

MENDVM SOLVM.

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An acte concernynge Graslers and bouchers. Capitulo. i.

WHere as diuers and sondrye actis and statutes haue lately bene made and establisshed within this realme, for preservation of the common welthe of the same: amonges whiche the acte for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, beale, and poike by weyghte is so necessarie for the preservation of the pouertye of the same, that it maye in no wyse be forborne. And for as muche as sufficiente auctoritie is not gyuen by the sayde acte to the Iustices of peace, mayres, baylyffes, shyreffes, and other officers, reherfed in the same acte, for to punyshe offenders, and suche other as wyl not sell by weyghte, accorpyng to the force of the saide acte. And the bouchers and other offenders perceyvinge the same, notte dreedyng the byolacion of the saide acte, nor the punysshementes conteyned in the same acte, haue wylfullye and obstynately contempned and offended the saide acte, and wolle in no wyse selle after the same, to the hyghe displeasure of the kynges hyghnesse, in contempte of his saide lawes, and to the greatte detrymente of the common welthe of this realme. Be it therfore further enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyament, that from the. xx. daye of februarye, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIII. it shall be lawfull to all and euery mayres, shyreffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of citie, boroughes, and market townes, as welle within the lyberties as without, to whom any complaynte shall be made of or vppon any boucher, his wyfe, seruantes, or other his ministers, refusynge to selle the saide victuals, by true and lawfull weyghte, accorpyng to the tenoure of the saide acte heretofore made: not onlye to comynge euerye suche boucher, and other suche offenders, towarde, there to remayne without bayle or mainpryse, vntyll suche tyme as they and euerye of them shall haue payde all the forsaytes and penalties, comprised in the saide former acte, but also euerye of the saide mayres, and other officers aforesaide, and theyr deputies, shall immediatlye selle and vtter, or cause to be solde and vttered for redye moneye, by true weyghte, all suche victuals so refused to be retayled and solde by true and lawfull weyght, according to the effecte of the said former acte, deliuerynge alwayes the money therof comynge, vnto the owners of the same victualles: whiche owners shall be vtterlye and for euer excluded to haue any action, sute, or demaund againste any suche mayre, or other officers or theyr deputies for sellynge or vtterynge of the saide victualles, by trewe and lawfull weyght, in forme aforesaide, or for anye other cause or thyng concernynge the same: Excepte onely for the money receyued for the same victualles, yf it be not vppon reasonable request therof to be made, payde, or restored without delaye. And to the intente that the bouchers from tyme to tyme, maye be the more redye and able to vtter and selle the saide victualles by trewe and lawfull weyght

Mayres;
shyreffes;
constables;
baylyffes;

weight: It is further ordeined, establisshed, and enacted, by the auctoritie
 aforesayde, that euery owner, grasier, fermour, breder, drouer, and brog-
 ger of this realme, whiche after the saide daie shall haue any beoffes, mut-
 tons, beales, or porkes, fatte and kepte to be solde for mannes meate, shall
 at all tymes, when so euer anye boucher or bouchers, or other personne or
 personnes, shall resorte to theym to bie the same to be kylled or retayled a-
 gayne by lawfull weyghte, shall make sale of the sayde cattalles to euery
 suche boucher or bouchers, as wylle bie the same to be retayled by lawfull
 weighte, as is aforesayde, at suche reasonable pryce or prices: So as the
 sayde bouchers or others alwayes may retayle the same agayne by law-
 full weighte, as is aforesayde, accordynge to the effecte of the sayde former
 acte, made for the sellynge of fleshe by weighte. The saide bouchers alwayes
 paynge for the same cattall redy money in hande, or at suche dayes as the
 owners of the sayd cattalle maye be agreed withall. And yf the sayde ow-
 ners, grasiers, fermours, breeders, drouers, and broggers, or any of them,
 at anye time or tymes after the sayde xx. daie of februarye, shall refuse to
 let anye suche reasonable pryce, and to make sale of the sayde cattalle, in
 fourme aforesayde, to the boucher or bouchers, or to any other personne or
 personnes that wylle bye and kille, and retayle the same agayne by lawfull
 weyghte (as is aforesayde) that then euerye Justice of peace, within the ly-
 mites of his commission, inhabytyng nexte vnto the place where suche
 refusall shall bee made: and mayres or bailiffes of other places corporated
 vpon compalaint to be made to him or them therof, by any boucher or bou-
 chers, or other whiche wolde bye the saide cattalle to selle agayne (as is
 aforesayde) shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this pre-
 sente acte, to directe his or their precepte, vnder his or their seale, vn-
 to foure, thre, or two honeste, discrete, and indifferente personnes, not
 beinge fermours, tenautes, or seruaunts to the owners of the sayde
 cattalle, commaundynge theym by the same, to sette and take the saide
 prices indifferentlye betweene the saide partyes, in suche discrete wyse,
 as the bouchers, whiche shall bye the saide cattalle to retayle and selle
 agayne (as is aforesayde) shall be no losers in utterynge the fleshe of the
 same cattall agayne by lawfull weight. And if any owner, fermour, gra-
 sier, breder, or brogger (as is aforesayde) or any of the saide foure, thre,
 or two indifferente personnes, so to bee appointed by the saide Just-
 ces, Mayres, or Bailiffes, or by anye of them, at anye tyme after the
 sayde daie, refuse to obeye and persourne the tenoure of the saide pre-
 cepte, or to biter and selle their cattalle of lyke nature, as is aboue re-
 herfed, in fourme aforesayde: that thenne all and euerye the sayde ow-
 ners, fermours, grasiers, drouers, breeders, and broggers, and also
 the saide foure, thre, or two indifferente personnes, and euery of
 theym, makynge anye suche refusall or deniall, or not executynge, or
 not obeyynge the same, yf it be within fortie daies, before ante of the
 foure termes of yerely exercysynge or keepynge the lawes of this realme,
 shalbe

Grasier.

fermour.
Breder.
Drouer.
Brogger.

Justices
of peace.

shall be commaunded by anye of the saide Justices, maires, or bailiffes, every suche offendout vpon peine of .xl. poundes personally to appere before the kynges highnes, and the lordes of his moste honorable counsaile in the sterred chambze at westmynstre, or other place of their common assemble, in the terme nexte ensuyng the same forty daies, there to make fine and abyde suche further punishmente, as shall be thought moste convenient by the discrecion of the chauncelloure of Englande, the Treasurer of Englande, and other the lordes of the saide counsell for the tyme beinge for their saide refusalle, or other theyr saide offence. And yf anye suche offence or refusalle shall happen to bee committed, in fourme aforesaide, duringe tyme of any of the saide foure termes: then lyke monicion, peine, and certificate shall bee made by anye of the saide Justices, Maires, or Bailiffes, in fourme before rehersed, at the nexte terme than folowynge. And if that any tyme after the foresaide twentie daie of februarye, anye of the saide Justices, or Maires, or Bailiffes of places corporated, vpon any complaint so to be made to them, or to any of them in fourme aforesaid, do not in tyme and place convenient, vpon reasonable requeste award his precepte vnto such foure, thre, or two, as he shal thinke by his discrecion to be indifferent persons, and also giue monicion vpon peine as is aforesaide, and make trewe relation and certificate by writynge vnto the kynges saide highnes, and vnto his saide counsaile, in fourme aforesaide, of the saide refusall, or other aforesaide misbehaviour, of any of the saide owners, fermours, grassiers, drouers, breders and broggers aforesaide, and also of the saide foure, thre, or two indifferent personnes, as the trewe of the case shall require: If the saide Justices, Maires, or Bailiffes of places corporate, in tyme and place conveniente, be reasonable required so to doge: that then euerye the saide Justices, Maires, and Bailiffes aforesaide, beinge reasonable required in tyme and place convenient to make his warrant, or to giue monicion, or to make trewe relation and certificate accordynge to the tenoure of this acte, and refusinge that to do in fourme as is aboue remembred, shall lose and forfeite for euerye suche defaulte forty shyllynge. And yf the saide Maires, Sherriffes, Constables, or other gouernours of cities, borowes, and other market townes, or any of them, within the lymittes of theyr auctorities, by them selfe or by suche other, as they or any of them shall therunto limite and appoynte by their precepte, do not cause the saide kindes of victualle from tyme to tyme, to be retailed, vttered, and solde by lawfull weighte, accordynge to the tenoure of the saide former acte: that then euery of the same Maires and other officers aforesaide, shall lose and forfeite the summe of forty shyllynge for euery tyme that refozmacion accordynge to the effecte and tenour of this present acte, in his or theyr defaulte is, not therof by euery of them had and made vpon anye suche reasonable complainte made in fourme aforesaide.

And

And that the one moytie of the forsaithes aforesaide shall be to the vse of the kynges highnes his heires and successours : and the other moytie vnto any other person or personnes, that wyll sue for the same, by bille plainte, informacion, action of dette, or otherwile, wherein the defendaunte shall not be admytted to the wager of his lawe, nor none essoine or protection shall be allowed for his defence in that behalfe.

LAnd be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Maire and Shireffes, alwaies for the tyme beinge, of the cite of London, shall cause all and euery the forsaide victualles to be bitted and solde by lawfull weight within the saide cite, and the lyberties of the same, accordyng to the tenoure of the saide former acte, and also of this present acte, vppon peine to lose and forsaite the somme of xl. s. for euery tyme that complainte therof to them or to anye of them, be reasonable made, and the same complainte or complaintes, not by them remedied and redressed in maner and fourme aforesaide. And that the one moitie of euery such forsaithure shall be to the kynges highnes, his heires, and successours : and the other moitie to any other person or persones, that will sue for the same in any courte of Record of this realme, in lyke maner as is afoze reherfed.

Proclamation.

And for as muche as beoffes, muttonnes, veales, and porkes, by many occasions fortune in some one yere, or in some one tyme of the yere, to be more scarce or more dere, than at an other, by meane whereof the grasiers and bouchers, in suche a dere tyme, shall not be able to afoze the same at suche prices and rates, as when they be in more plentie, and better chepe: Be it therfore further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the kynges highnes, his heires, and successours kynges of this realme, from tyme to tyme vppon any complaintes made of anye scarcite or lacke of beoffis, muttuns, veales, or porkes, shall and maie from tyme to tyme cause proclamation to be made vnder the greaite seale, in such parties of this realme, as shall seme to his highnes, his heires or successours moste conueniente, that the bouchers and other whiche be compellable to sell fleische by weighte, at prices limited in the saide acte, made for sellynge of fleische by weighte, shall and maie selle for the tyme to be lymitted in suche proclamation: beoffes, muttuns, veales, and porkes by retaile without weighte, as hete lofore hath ben accustomed: or elles by weight at suche reasonable prices, as shall be lymitted by the saide proclamation, and as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours to lymitte and appointe by the saide proclamation, vppon suche peyne as shall be conteyned in suche proclamacions, to be dooste and leued to the kynges vse, accordyng to the tenoure of euerye suche proclamation. And that as well euerye boucher and other, for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, veale, or porke, by retaile, by vertue of suche proclamation, within the tymes to be lymitted in the same, as euery other person and persons, being bounden by auctoritie of this acte, to se the saide bouchers so to do, vppon the peines aboue especified, shall be discharged and acquitted by auctoritie of euerye suche proclamation of all penalties

penalties, peines, forfeitures, and losses, whiche they shulde haue suffered and losse by vertue of the saide acte, made for sellynge of fleshe by weighte, or by vertue of this presente acte, in case no suche proclamacion had bene made: any thyng in the saide acte made for sellynge of fleshe by weight, or in this presente acte contained, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ And wherby an acte passed, sythen the begynnynge of this presente parlyamente, it was ordeined and prouided, that no person or persons, bouchers or other inhabitynge within this realme: Wales or marches of the same, shulde from the fyrste daye of Januarie laste paste, durynge two holie yeres, from thenseforth the nexte folowynge, kyll or cause to be kylled anye yonge suckynge calfe or calves, to be solde or putte to sale to any person or persons hole or by retayle, whiche calfe or calves shulde happen to falle or be calued bytwene the saide fyrste daye of Januarie, and the saide fyrste daye of Maie, in anye of the saide two yeres, vpon certayne peines contained in the saide acte, as by the same acte more at large is expessed: The kynge our soueraine lord of his moste excellent goodnes, to the intente that his louyng subiectes shulde be the better prouided of plentie of bycattall ageine this holpe tyme of Easter, nexte commynge: and so from thense forth durynge this yere, is therfore pleased and contented, that it bee established and enacted, by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that all bouchers, and other sellynge fleshe by retayle, maie lawfullye from the XII. daye of Marche, whiche shal be in the yere of oure lord god M. D. XXXIII. vnto the fyrste daye of Januarie nexte commynge kyll and selle calves by retayle by weighte, accordyng to the said statute made for sellynge of fleshe by weight, or els accordyng to suche proclamacion, as shal please the kinges highnes to make for the same, in forme as is aboue reherced, yf anye suche proclamacion hapen to be made, the saide late acte made for sellynge of calves, to endure for two yeres, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that the sayd acte made for sellynge of calves shal begynne to take effect at the fyrste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, and from thenseforth shal endure and continue two holie yeres nexte after that ensuynge, any thing contained in this presente acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An acte of proclamacion to be made concer-

nyng victualles. Capitulum.



¶ **R**Yas muche as derthe, scarfite, good chepe, and plentie of wheate, barley, rapons, hennies, chekynnes, and other victualles, necessarie for mennes sustenance hapeneth, riseth, and chaunceth of so manye and dyuers occasions, that it is verie harde and dyspoyse to putte anye certayne pryce to anye suche thinges. And yet neuerthe-

nerthelesse the p[ri]ces of suche victualles be many tymes inhaunsed and
reised by the greedie couetousnes and appetites of the owners of suche
victualles, by occasion of ingrossynge and regratynge the same, more then
vppon any reasonable o[re] iuste grounde o[re] cause, to the great damage and
empouerishynge of the kynges subiectes. For remedie wherof be it en-
acted by the auctoritie of this p[re]sent parliamente, that vppon euery com-
plainte made of any enhaunspynge of p[ri]ces of suche victualles, without
grounde o[re] cause reasonable in any parte of this realme, o[re] in anye other
the kinges dominions, the lord Chauncelloure of Englande, the lord
treasurer, the lord Presidente of the kinges moste honourable counsaile,
the lord Priuey seale, the lord steward, the lord Chamberleyne, and all
other lordes of the kynges counsaile, the Treasurer and Comptroller of
the kynges moste honorable house, the Chauncellour of Duchie of Lan-
caster the kynges iustices of eyther bench, the Chauncelloure, chamber-
leynes, vnder treasurer, and the barons of the kinges eschequire, o[re] vii.
of them at the leaste, wherof the lord chauncellour, the lord Treasurer,
the lord presidente of the kinges counsaile, o[re] the lord Priuey seale to be
one: shall haue power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, as the case shall
require, to sette and take reasonable p[ri]ces of all suche kyndes of victuals
aboue specified, howe they shall be solde ingrosse, o[re] by retaille, for reliefe of
the kynges subiectes: And that after such p[ri]ces sette and taxed, in fourme
aforesaide, proclamacion shall be made in the kynges name, vnder the great
seale, of the saide p[ri]ces, in such parties of this realme, as shall be conueni-
ent for the same.

Prising
of victu-
alles.

Fermou-
res.

Procla-
macion.

And be it enacted, that all fermoures, owners, broggers, and all other
victuallers what so euer, hauyng o[re] keepynge any of the of kyndes victuals
afoze reherced, to the entent to sell, shall sel the same to such the kinges sub-
iectes as wyl by them, at such p[ri]ces as shall be set & taxed by the sayd pro-
clamacion, vpon the paines to be expressed and bymitted in the saide procla-
macion, to be losse, forfaited, and leued to the kynges vse in suche wise, as
by the same proclamacion shall be declared.

Wherby it is alwaie that this acte, o[re] anye thyng therein conteyned, shall
not be hurtfull to mayres, shireffes, bayliffes, o[re] other officers of cities,
boroughs, o[re] townes corporate, nor to anye persone o[re] persones, o[re] bodies
polytike, hauyng auctoritie to sette p[ri]ces of suche victualles, o[re] of any of
them: but that they and euery of them maie set p[ri]ces therof, as yf this acte
had neuer ben had nor made.

Excepte.

Caleys.
Guilnes.
Hammes.

And be it further enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that no person o[re] per-
sons, oneles it be by lycence vnder the kynges great seale from henceforth
shall carie o[re] conueie, o[re] cause to be caried and conueied anye soyne, beoffes,
muttons, beales, porkes, o[re] anye other of the aboue saide victualles, to
anye the parties beyonde the sea, exempte onely for the victuallynge, of the
towne of Caleys, Guilnes, Hammes, and the marches of the same: And
excepte for victuallynge of maisters, mariners, and marchantes of shippes,
passyng

passynge the sees: and also excepte banelled butter, and meale to be caryed to the parties of Iſelande, as hath bene accustomed, vpon peyne of forſaiting of the value of the thing conueyed and caryed into the parties of beynde the sea, contrarie to this acte. The one halfe therof to the vse of our saide souerayne lord, and the other halfe to the party that wyl sue for the same, by byl, playnt, wryt, or informacion in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche suppes the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, nor any protection or esloyn for him shal be allowed.

An acte concernynge standynge muet and peremptorie challenge. Cap. iiii.



Where at your parlyament holden at westmynster in the xxiii. yere of your mooste noble regne, amongst other thinges, it was ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, that no persone nor persones, whiche therafter shulde happen to be founde gilty after the lawes of this lande for any maner of petye treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice p̄penced, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles or other holy places, or for robbynge of anye personne or personnes in theyr dwellynge houses, or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the same howse, his wife, his chyldren, or seruauntes then beyng within, and put in feare and d̄ed by the same: or for robbing of any person or persons in or nere about the hyghe waye, or for wilfull burning of any dwellynge house or berne, wherin any grayne of cornes shal happen to be, nor any person or persones, beyng founde gilty of any abbettement, procurement, helppynge, mainteyninge, or counsaylynge, of or to any suche petite treason, murders, or felonys, shulde from thenseforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffre deathe in suche maner and fourme, as thei shulde haue done for any the causes or offences abovesaide, if thei were no clerkes: Suche as be within holye orders, that is to saie, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, all onely excepte, as moze at large appereth by the saide acte. And for as muche as the saide acte extendeth onely to suche personnes, as be founde gilty after the due course of the lawes of this lande diuers and many great arrante robbers, murderers, burglaries, and felons, that do offende and comytte diuers and many petie treasons, robberies, burglaries, and felonys contrary to the tenour of the saide acte, percepyng and clerelye vnderstandynge, that by the wordes of the same statute and acte, that thei shal not lese the benefyte and aduantage of their clergie, onles that they be founde gilty after the due course of the lawe, vpon their arremment of and vpon the saide felonies, robberies, and other offences befoze said, so by them done and committed, by reason whereof, diuers and many of the same robbers, and felons, vpon their arremment of the same robberies, and felonys, vpon their

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theyr indytementes ageynste them, stande muet, and sometyme challenge peremptorie ouer the nombze of, xx. or els wyl not directlye answere to the same inditeentes, wherebpon they be so arrayned, accoꝝdunge to the order of the lawe. And for that that these especiall cases be not expꝛesselye comprised and contened within the letter of the same statute, it is necessarie and expedient, that the same case be clerely and diffinituely expounded and declared by auctoritie of this pꝛesente parlyament. And where also as diuers and manye felons and robbers, that comytte and do diuers and many greatte heynous robberyes, and burglaryes in one wyse, and conueye the spoyle and robberye into anye other wyse, and there be taken, indyted, and arrayned vppon felonye and felonous stealyng of the same goodes, in the same other wyse, than there, where the same robberyes or burglaries were done and committed, and not vppon the same robberye nor burglarie, for that it was not done nor committed in the same wyse, where they be so indyted and arrayned, and by reason therof the same misdemeaners, felonnes, robbers and burglaries haue and enioye the pꝛiuelege and aduantage of their clergie, to the great hurt and losse of the kinges pꝛerogatiue, & great boldenes of suche offenders.

Inditeement.

Challenge peremptorie

In consideration whereof, be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesente parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that euerye personne and personnes that is or hereafter shall be indyted of petre treasonne, wylfull bournynge of houses, murder, robberie, or burglarie, or other felonye, accoꝝdunge to the tenoure and meanyng of the same statute, and therbpon arrayned, and do stande muet of malyce or frowarde mynde, or challenge peremptorie aboue the nombze of, xx. or els wyl not or do not answere directlye to the same inditement and felony, wherbpon he is so arrayned, shall from hencefoꝛthe lose the benefyte and pꝛiuelege of his or their clergie, in like maner and forme, as if he had directlye pleaded to the same petre treason, murder, robberye, burglarie, or other felonye, wherbpon he is so arrayned, not giltye, and therbpon had be found giltye, after the lawes of the lande.

**Answer
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directlye.**

And by the same auctoritie be it further enacted, that if any personne or personnes hereafter be indited of felonye for stealyng of any goodes or cattalles, in any countye within this realme of Englande, and therbpon arrayned and be founde giltye, or stande muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the noumbze of twentye personnes, as is afoꝛsaide, or will not vppon his saide arraynement directelye answere to the same felonye: that then the same person and persons so arrayned and founde giltye, or stande muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the noumbze of twentye personnes, or will not directlye answere to the law, shall lose and be put from the benefite of their clergie, in like maner and forme as they shulde haue bene, if they had bene indited and arrayned, and founde giltye, in the same countye, where the same robberye or burglarie was doone

or comynpted, yf it shall appere to the Justices, befoze whom any suche felons or robbers be arrayned by evidence geuen befoze them, or by examination, that the same felonys, wherupon they be so arraigned, had ben suche robberys or burglaries, in the same wyse, where suche robberies or burglaries were comynpted or done, by reason wherof they shulde haue losse the benefite of their clergie by force of the saide estatute, in case they had bene founde gylty therof in the same wyse, whete suche robberys or burglarys were so comynpted and done,

An acte agaynst forstallynge and regratynge of fysh. Cap. iiii.



Here as befoze this tyme dyuers actes of parlyamente haue bene made by the kynges most noble progenitours ageynste forstallers and regratours of vitayle and other marchaundys in markettes and feyres within this realme of Englande, whiche forner statutes not onely for lacke of due execution of the same, but also for lacke of condygne punyschement in the sayde statutes conteyned, be lyttell feared or regarded: for dyuers and manye of the kynges subiectes, contrarie to the meanyng of the saide estatutes, nothyng regarded the displeasure of almyghty god, and of the kynges hyghnes, ne per the loue and charitte, that they oughte to haue to their neyghbours and common wealthe of this realme, for their pruate lucre and singular auayle, commonlye in euerye markette and faire within this realme, do forstalle and regrate all maner of vitayle, as corne, wyne, fysh, and fleshe, and speciallye in Sturbuge faire, saint Iues faire, and Elpe faire, beynge the mooste notable faires within this realme for prouisions of fysh, and mooste to the releue of the kynges subiectes, yf suche forstallynge and regratynge myghte be sette on fode, whiche is muche vsed by the inhabitants of London, and other the kynges subiectes, that onely befoze the saide faires, resorte to the eastre sea syde or sea costes, and there bye vpon the stone all maner of fysh, as well the fysh that cometh from Isleande, as the fysh that is taken in the sayde eastre sea or sea costes, nere adioynnyng to the parties of this realme, & incontinently they repare to the saide Sturbuge faire, and from thens to the sayde other faires, and there they selle ageyne the saide fysh in maner at their owne pryce and pleasure, and not onely selle the same fysh there, but also they bye by all maner of fysh thycher broughte by anye personne, as salted fysh, stocked fysh, lynge, haburdon, lobbefysh and suche other kyndes of salted fysh, and sell the same ageyne in the same faire or faires: so that the kynges subiectes be dyuen to bye all suche fysh, as to them is requysite and necessarie, at the seconde, thyrde, or fourthe hande: by reason wherof a greatre scarsenes and derthe doothe insue to the kynges subiectes in all places throughe out this realme, to the great

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¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that no maner of person or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion he or they be, other they suche personne or personnes, as now be, or hereafter shall be marchaunte venterers to Iselande for the saide fysh, or that be doggers, otherwyle called doggermen, or suche as now be, or hereafter shall be fyshermen, that actually labour for the takyng of the saide fysh, in the saide east sea syde, or east sea coste, shall bye anye of the kyndes of the saide fysh at or vpon the stone, or at the saide east sea syde, or east sea colles, to selle the same fysh ageyne, or any part therof, at any of the saide feire or feires, called Sturbuge feire, saint Iues feire, or Elve feire: and that no maner of person or persons, other then the saide marchauntes venterers, doggers, or fyshermen, shall from hensforth sel any saltfysh, stockefysh, lyng, haburden, lobbefysh, or suche other kynde of saltfysh, at or within any of the saide feire or feires, wherof the kynde of the said fysh is vsually wont to be leyde vpon lande, at the saide east sea syde.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no maner of person or personnes, beyng owner or owners of any of the saide shyppe or shippes, ne yet any maister or maisters of the saide shippes, shall at any tyme hereafter bye any dole or doles of any of the maryners of any of the saide shippe or shippes, called the mariners dole fysh.

¶ And also it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aboue saide, that no maner of persone or persones from hensforth, shall forstall and bye any of the saide fysh, in comynge to the saide feire or feires, to sell the same agayne in any of the saide feires: excepte it be for the necessarye vittaylynge of the saide feire or feires, to be there eaten and spente, durynge the tyme of the saide feires.

¶ It is also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of persone or personnes at any tyme hereafter shall bye any stockefysh, saltfysh, lyng, haburden, lobbefysh, or any other kynde of saltfysh, within the said feire, or feires, to selle the same ageyne within the saide feire or feires, excepte it be for the necessarye vittaylynge of the saide feire or feires, to be eaten and spente within the same feires, durynge the tyme of the saide feire and feires: vppon the peyne to euery personne or personnes, so offendynge any of the saide articles before reherfed contrarie to the meanyng of this acte, to forsaite the same fysh, so bought, forstalled or regated: The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to be to the party, that woll lease or take his action or sute for the same: And that it be lefull to all and synghular the kynges subiectes, to take the same fysh so forsaite by the waye of seyser, or to sue for the same by originalle wytte, by lye, infor- macion in the kynges eschequyre, or in any other the kynges courtes of re- cord, or in the same courte of the saide feire or feires, called the court of De- pow-

powders, at his or theyr plesure: in which action or suite the defendat or defendantes shal not wage theyr law, ne yet be aided by essoyne or protection. ^{Steward of fynes.} And that the steward of euerye of the sayde fynes for tyme beynge, shall perelye cause this presente estatute to be openly proclaymed and redde at thre seuerall dayes within the same fayne, that is to saye at two seueralle dayes in the begynnynge of the same fayne, and atte a nother dape, in the middes of the same feire, to the entent the kinges subiectes may be thoroughly instructed of euerye article conteyned in this estatute, vpon the peyne of forfayture of his sayde office of Stewardshyppe, and to forfayte to our ^{forfayture.} soueraygne lord the kyng, for euerye suche defaulte, that proclamation is not made, as is aboue sayde. xl. s.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that none of the sayde merchantes venterers, doggermen, or fishermen, shall at anye tyme here after bye any fysh at the Stone, at the east sea syde, or sea costis, to selle the same fysh ageyn in the sayde fayne or fynes, by couyn or fraude, to the vse of any other person or persones, other then for theyr onely vse or vses, vppon lyke ^{Contyn of fraude.} peyne as is aboue reherled: And that euerye of the kynges subiectes may haue lyke aduantage by leysure of the same fysh, or by way of action or suite, for the wynnynge or gynnynge of the same, as is afoze saide. And also that no maner of person or persons hereafter be reputed or taken to be a merchant venterer, to take aduantage, or benefite of this acte: excepte his aduenture in the saide shyppe or shippes to Iselonde, shall amounte to the somme, of. xx. li. without fraude or couyn.

Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall be in any wyse hurtfull or pzeiudiciall vnto any person or persons, beynge fyshers, dwellynge or inhabitynge in any place or places benoith the ryuer of Humbre: but that they and euery of them may vse their crafte and sellynge of all maner of fysh, by them or anye of them hereafter to be taken benoith the saide ryuer of Humbre afoze saide, in lyke maner and fourme, as they or any other their pzedecessours fishers haue vled to doo here tofoze: And that the byers of the same fysh maye laufullye selle the same in any of the saide fynes, in maner and fourme as in the aboue saide acte is conteyned, any thyng in the saide acte to the contrary made or expessed to the contrary not withstandynge.

An acte for callendynge of woystedes. Cap. v.



Where as at the parlyamente holden at Westminster, the. XXIII. dape of Januarie, in the. v. yere of our soveraigne lordes reygne the kyng that now is, there was an acte and one estatute made, prouided, and established, for the aduoydynge of deceptes and falsnes in woystedes, as welle by reason of dyce callendynge therof, with gummes, oyles, and presses, as also by weete callendynge,

lendinge, by persons haupnge no counnyng in orderynge of the same: whiche acte was made to endure but onely to the parliamente then nexte folowynge. And for as moche as it is evidently knowen, that the same acte and estatute aforesayde, is very good and necessary for the common welth of this realme: wherfore the kynge our soueraygne lord, by the aduise and consente of his lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons of this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same hath ordeyned, enacted, and establyshed, that the saide acte and estatute, made in the .v. yere of his most noble reygne aforesayde, and euery thyng therein contened, shall from the feaste of saynt Mychaell the archangell nexte comynge, cotinue and be good and effectuell in euery poynte and article of the same for euer.

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dyng of
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And furthermoze be it enacted and establyshed, by the auctoritie aforesayde, for the common welth of the cite of Norwiche, and mayntenaunce, suppoztacion, and vpholdyng of the houses, tenementes, and habitacions of the same, that no maner persone vsynge the crafte or misterie of dyenge of woystedes, stamings, or sayes, or of any of them, nother by theym selles, or any seruant, factour, deputie, or any other by his commaundemente or assignement, from the feaste of Christmas now nexte ensuyng, shall vse to callender any woystedes, stamens, or sayes, or any other commodities made of woystede yarne, durynge all suche tyme as the same persone shall vse the misterie or crafte of dyeng aforesayde, vpon peine to forfait for euery piece so died and callendede by colour, couin, fraude, or contrarie to the trewe meanynge and entente of this presente act .xl. s. to be diuided in thre egall parties, the one part therof to the kynge our soueraigne lord, and one other parte to the maire for the tyme beinge, and the thirde parte to him or thiem that wyl sue for the same by bille, action of dette, plainte, informacion, or otherwise, in anye of the kinges courtes: wherin none ossoyne, delaie, or protection shalbe allowed.

An acte for the punishmente of the vice of buggerie. Ca. vi.

Buggery.



Felony.

But as moch as there is not yet sufficient & cōdinge punishment, appoynted & limited by the due course of the lawes of this realme, for the detestable & abhominable vice of buggery comitted with mankind or beast. It may therfore please the kynes highnes, with the assent of his lordes spiritual & temporal, & the cōmons of this present parlyament assembled, that it maie be enacted by auctoritie of the same, that the same offence be from henceforth adiudged felony, and suche order and fourme of pzoces therein to be vled agaynste the offendours, as in cases of felonie at the common lawe. And that the offenders beyng herof conuicte by verdicte, confession, or outlaurie, shall suffre suche peines, of deathe, and losses, and penalties of theyr goodes, cattals, dettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as felons benne accustomed to do

do accoꝝdyng to the oꝝder of the common lawes of this realme. And that no person offendynge in any suche offence, shalbe admitted to his clergie. And that Justices of peace shal haue power and auctoꝝptie within the lymyttes of theyꝝ commissions and iurisdiction, to here and determyne the sayde offence, as they do vse to doe in cases of other felonies. This acte to endure tꝓll the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

Clergie.
Justices
of peace.

**An acte againste killynge of yonge spaume
oꝝ frye of yeles and Salmon
Capitulo. vii.**



Foꝝ as moche as great hurte and daily inconuenience haue and do ensue vnto all the kynges subiectes of this realme by the greddy appetites and insaciabie desire, whiche sondꝛe of them ocupynge fyllhynge, haue vsed, by takynge, killynge, and destroyng the yonge spaume, frye, oꝝ broode of yeles and salmon, as well in salte ryuers as in freshe ryuers, lakes, plasches, fennes, and marshes in many parties of this realme, to the no lyttell hynderance & derogacion of the common weale of the same, as also in killynge of salmons, when they be vnseasonable and not holsome foꝝ mans bodie called commonly kypꝑer salmons: It is therfoꝛe enacted by the kyng our soueraine loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, & by the auctoꝝtie of the same, that from the fyꝛste daie of febzuarie nexte commynge vnto the laste daie of Iulye than nexte ensupnge, and so yerele from thensfoꝛth, durynge the space of tenne yeres, no maner of persone oꝝ persons, of what estate, degree, oꝝ condicion so euer they be, with any maner of nette, weele, oꝝ with any deuise oꝝ engine made of heare, canuas, oꝝ with any other cautele shal willyngely pꝛesume to take any frye, spaume, oꝝ broode of yeles, called yele fares, oꝝ ell bares, in any ryuers oꝝ waters salte oꝝ freshe within this realme of Englande, oꝝ wales, oꝝ in the marches of the same. And ouer this that durynge the saide ten yeres, no maner of person oꝝ persons, from the fyꝛst day of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god .M.D.XXXV. vnto the fyꝛst daie of Septembꝛe then nexte folowynge, & so yerele from thensfoꝛth, durynge the saide .x. yeres shal pꝛesume willyngly to take oꝝ distroy in oꝝ by meanes of any wele, butte, net, berd net of heare, taininge, lepe, hiue, crele, raw web, lester, sier, oꝝ by any other ingine in fludgate, salmon pꝛye, oꝝ at the tayle of any mille oꝝ were, oꝝ in any steytes, riuers, riuers, oꝝ brokes, salte oꝝ freshe within the realme of Englande, Wales, Barwike, and the marches of the same, the yonge frye, spaume, oꝝ broode of any kynde of salmon, called lakspinkes, smowtes, oꝝ salmon pele. And that no maner of persone oꝝ personnes of what degree oꝝ condicion he shalbe of, from the feaste of the exaltacion of the holy crosse, to the feaste of saynce Martine in wynter durynge the sayde tenne yeres, shal willyngly by any meanes

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pele.

aforsayde, or otherwys kyll or distroye any salmons, not in season, called
 kypper salmons, within any frethe ruer or salte ruer, or in places where
 at that tyme suche salmons haue naturally theyr repayre within this re-
 alme of Englande, wales, Barwyke, or within the marches of the same.
 And if any person or persons, after any of the sayde dayes lymitted in this
 present acte, offend in any of the poyntes befoze reherfed, contrarie to the
 tenour, fourme, and purpote of any parte of the same: then euerie suche
 person or persons, (so offendynge) shall lose and forsayte for euerie tyme of
 his or theyr suche offence, the summe of five poundes, and the fyfthe. And
 also the vnlauffull nettes, and other vnlauffull engins or deuises, what so
 euer they be, made, kepte, or vsed for the kylling, takynge, or distroyng
 of the sayde kypper salmons, or of any of the yonge brode, spaume, or frye
 of peles or salmon befoze reherfed. The one halfe of the sayde forsayture
 shall be to the kynges highnesse, his heires, and successours, and the other
 halfe shall be to him that will sue for the same by action of det, bill, playnt,
 or other wyle in any courte of recorde within this realme, wales, or Bar-
 wyke, or the marches of the same. And that the Justices of assise, and also
 the Justices of peace in euery assyse & quarter sessions in all counties with
 in this realme, and all lordes haupnge courtes roiall in Englande, wales,
 or Barwyke, and in the marches of the same, shall haue full power & auc-
 toritie, by vertue of this present acte, not onely to enquire of & vpon the de-
 faultes and offences, committed contrary to the tenour and effecte of this
 presente acte: but also to see due punisshmente and refozmacion therof, in
 forme aforsayde, from tyme to tyme, durynge the space of the saide ten-
 peres, as often as the case shall so require in euerie behalfe.

Justices
of peace

**An acte concernynge paynyng of Holborne, and other paue-
 mentis within the cite and suburbs of London.**

Capitulo .viii.

Holborn.



Complaigneth to your highnes, and to your high courte
 of parliamente, not al onely your subiectes and inhabi-
 tantes within the streete of Holborne, but also all the
 pooze cariers and other poure subiectes, beyng com-
 mon traueylers, repairynge weekly and monthely to
 your cite of London, that where the saide streete being
 the common passage for all cariages, caried from weste
 and Norwest parties of the realme, was of late tyme so well and substan-
 tially paved, that your subiectes hadde good and sure passage throughe the
 sayde streete, tyll now of late, for lacke of renewynge of the sayde paynyng
 by the land lordes, whiche dwell not within the cite, the wey is so noyous,
 and so full of sloughes and other incumbrances, that often tymes many of
 your subiectes, rydinge throughe the saide streete and way be in icoperdie of
 hurt, and haue almoste perished. Pleaseth it your hyghnes, and the lordes
 spirituall

spirituall & tempoꝛal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, to enact, by the auctozitie of the same, that all and singular persons, theyꝛ heyꝛes, and successours, which now haue, oꝛ herafter shal haue any landis, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamētis betwene the brydge, called Houlburne brydge, and the barres at the weste ende of the sayd strete, be it on the one side of the strete and the other, in fee simple, fee tayle, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe, shall befoꝛe the feast of saynt Michaell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god .M. D. XXXIIII. sufficiently paue oꝛ cause to be paued with paupng stone, & paupng. longe from his oꝛ theyꝛ lādes oꝛ tenementes, adioynnyng to the high wate, al suche quantitee of the sayd strete, & in such places as the said strete at any tyme befoꝛe the making of this act, hath be pauid, vpon peine to foꝛfayte to your highnes, your heyꝛes, & successours, foꝛ euery yarde square not sufficiēly pauid by the said day limited & assigned in foꝛm befoꝛe expꝛessed. vi. d.

¶ And be it also enated, by the auctozitie afoꝛesayde, that all and euery persone and persones, haupnge any of the sayde landis and tenementes in possession oꝛ in vse, in fee simple, fee tayle, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe, adioynnyng to the sayd high way & strete, theyꝛ heires and successours, shall from and after the sayd feast of saint Michaell, the which shalbe in the sayd yere of our loꝛde god .M. D. XXXIIII. sufficiently meinteine the pauement of the sayd way & strete, ageinst euery of theyꝛ landis oꝛ tenementis, in such & like foꝛme as is aboue declared, vpon peine to foꝛfait to your highnes, foꝛ euery yarde square of the said pauement, not sufficiently paued, repared, & amended, as often as any suche defaulte of anye persone shall be pꝛesented befoꝛe the maire & the aldermen of the same cite. vi. d. And that it be further enacted by the auctozite afoꝛesaid, the said maire & the aldermē, foꝛ their time being may haue ful power & auctozite to inquire in euery quarter of the yere, af- of Lons-
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ter the said feast of saint Michaell, the which shalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god .M. D. XXXIIII. by the othe of .xii. men of the said cite, aswel of theym that haue not pauid accoꝛdyng to the pꝛouision afoꝛesayd, as also of them that remissly oꝛ insufficiently shall herafter meynteyne the same pauement, of the. oꝛ any other pauement within the said cite & the suburbes of the same. And that the said maire and the aldermen may haue power and auctozitee, after euery suche defaulte befoꝛe them pꝛesented, to sesse fynes by theyꝛ discreti- fines. ons, and the saide fines to be certified into the kynges eschequere, and the barons therof to make pꝛoces by distresse to be take vpon the sayde landes and tenementes, oꝛ otherwyle by theyꝛ discrecion, as wel foꝛ the sayd fines assessed, as foꝛ theyꝛ penalties befoꝛe limited.

¶ Pꝛouided alway that if the lessees of the sayde landes, oꝛ of other landes within the citee, oꝛ suburbes of the same, do sufficiently paue oꝛ repaire befoꝛe theyꝛ mancions oꝛ dwellynge places, the stretes, whiche haue vsed to be pauid: that then they and euery of them shall defalke, abate, and re- teyne in his oꝛ theyꝛ owne handes, as moche of the rentis dewe to the les- sours, as they can pꝛoue, to haue expended on the same paupnge, and the lessoꝛ foꝛ so moche as that summe doth amounte to, to haue no action noꝛ

reentre for the none payment of the same: Except it be otherwys agreed betwene them.

Southwarke.

Justices of peace.

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that lyke order be obserued for payng of the stretes in the borough of Southwarke, as is befoze mencioned to be done in the cytie of London. So alwayes that the refozation and punysheiment of the offences there, shall rest in the maire of the citie of London, as farre onely as is within the iurisdiction of the said citie: and the residue in the Justices of peace of the countie, where the same stretes be. And that the same Justices of peace shall by vertue herof, haue power to make inquerie vpon the pzemisses: and here, determine, and punyshe the defaultes in maner and fourme aforesayde.

An acte concernynge Pewterers. Cap. ix.

Pewterers.



At their most lamentable wyse shewen, and pytiously complaynen vnto the kynges moste royall maiestie, and to this his moste hygh courte of parlyament, the kynges mooste humble, pooze, and obeysante subiectes, the mayster wardens and pooze felowshyp of the crafte and mysterie of peuterers, as wel of the cytie of London, as of al other places within this realme of England: that where the sayde crafte or mystery befoze this tyme hath ben one of the best handy craftes within this realme, which hath only growen and continued by meane of dyuers good actes and statutes made for the true exercyse of the same, whereof one was made in the .xix. yere of the reyne of the kynges mooste renowned father, whose soule god pardone, and one other was made in the fourth yere of the kynges most victorouse reine, concernynge the craftes of peuterers and bzaiers, of and for the true makynge mixting and sellynge of good and true peuter and bzaien vessels, and also for exercisynge and vsynge of true weyghtes and beames to be occupied by the sellers of any suche peuter or bzaien vessels within this realme: so that none of the kynges subiectes, noz, any other person shulde by any sale of any false myxed bzaien and pewter vessel, or any vntrewe weyghtes be deceyued as by the sayde estatutes moze playnley, doth appere. Whiche good estatutes duely put in execucion, hath caused the said craft to encrese and multiplie, to the greatte pzoofte and vtilitie of a great nombze of the kynges subiectes, and the commoditie of peuter vessell moche to be had in reputacion in all strange regions and countreys, vntill now of late dyuers euill dysposed persones, beyng the kynges subiectes bozne, whiche haue bene appzentises and brought vp in the exercyse of the sayde crafte of peuterers, haue now of late for their singular lucre repayzed into strange regions and countreys, and there do exercise the sayd crafte of peuterers, teachinge straungers not onely the counnyng of myxtinge and forgeing of all maner of peuter vessell, but also do teache al thynges belongynge to the

the sayde crafte of peuterers : by meane wherof there is not only brought daily into this realme out of strange regions to be solde, great nombze of thynges made of pewter, vntrely myrted and made of tynne, wherwith the kynges subiectes be daily deceyued, and the people of straunge countreis greatly instructed in the counnyng of the sayde crafte of peuterers : so that therby not onely a great nombre and quantitie of peuter vessel and other thynges of peuter, made in diuers sortes and facions amountynge to a greatte value, whiche was dayly and continuallye wonte to be carped and conueyde oute of this realme by marhauntes into straunge regions and countreyes, there to be solde and vendid . wherby the commoditie of tinne made into peuter vessel, whiche hath ben had in great estimation, as thynges very necessary and commodious, and the kynges customs thereby muche aduaunsed, is nowe lyke vtterly ceasse and decaye, and not to be esteemed, as heretofore hath bene, but also the sayde crafte of peuterers, which at this day setteth and kepeth in worke and occupacion, a great nombze of people, shall be vtterly vndone, and a great multitude of the kynges naturall subiectes therby fall into ydelnes, to the greet impoueryshment of this realme, if speddy remedy for the redress of the premises be not prouyded . In tender consideracion wherof, and for reformation of the premises, it maie please the kynges hyghnes, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozalle, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctoztie of the same to ordeyne and enacte, that no person nor persons hereafter at any tyme nowe inhabitynge, or whiche hereafter shall inhabite within this realme, shall bye, or otherwyle take by exchaunge for other wares any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made, out of this realme, of tynne or myrte with tynne, as platters, dysches, saucers, pottis, basons, ewers, flagons, gobletis, saltis, saltsalers, spoones, or any other thyng made of tynne or peuter, as aforesayde, what so euer it be, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same ware, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken : and also lafull money currant in this realme, to the full value therof . The one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the fynders of the same.

Wares
made of
tynne.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted, that it shall be lefulle to the maister and wardens of the sayde crafte of peuterers, as well within the citee of London, as within euerie other citie, bozough, and towne of this realme, where suche wardens be, and where no such wardens be, to the head officer or gouernour, heed officers or gouernoures of the same citie, bozough, or towne for the tyme beyng, to appoynte dyuers persones most experte in knowledge of the same, to make serche and seisure, and to take into the handes and possession all such wares, as hereafter shall be brought contrarie to the true intent and effecte of this present acte, in whose handes so euer or possession any suche shall be founde,

Serche.

¶ And also be it enacted, by the auctozitie abouesayde, that no person nor persons,

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persones, occupieng the sayde crafte or occupacion of pewterers within this realme, shall sette on worke or retayne in his or theyr seruyce any person or persones to be his or theyr apprentice or iourneyman beyng straunger bozne out of this realme, vpon peyne to forsaite for euerye suche apprentice and iourneyman. x. li. sterlyng. And that no straunger, bozne out of this realme, shall occupie, exercise, or vse from the feast of Pentecost nexte commynge, the sayde crafte of pewterers, ne worke anye maner of vessell or other ware afoze sayde, to be made of tynne or peuter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon peyne of forsaite of tenne pounde sterlyng: And also vpon peyne of forsaite of the same pewter or tynne so wroughte, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritee afoze sayde, that no persone nor persons beyng bozne within this realme, occupynge or exercisynge the sayd crafte of pewterers, shall at any tyme hereafter resorte in to any straunge regions or countreis, there to vse, teache, or exercise the sayde crafte of pewterers, vpon peyne to lose the priuilege and benefite of an Englyshe man. And yf in case any of the kynges subiectes, at this presente tyme beyng dwellinge in any straunge countrey or region, and there occupieng the sayd crafte of pewterers, do not repayre in to this realme within thre monethes nexte after request and watnyng to hym to be gauen, by wytyng sealed with the comyn seal of the wardens of the sayd craft within the sayd cite of London, & here in this realme continually from henseforth dwell and inhabit: that then and from thenseforth he shall be reputed & taken as none Englyshe man, but shall stande and be from thenseforth out of the kynges protection.

¶ And for as moche as sondre yuelle disposed persones, whiche comonly ben called haukers, by auctorite of the kynges letters patentes or placard, do not onely go aboute from place to place within this realme, vsynge byeng & sellynge of brasse and peuter, and by colour & pretence of the same lycences or placardes, vse vnlawful and deceyuable weightes & beames, but also do vse to sell both brasse and peuter, whiche is not good nor truly, nor lawfully myrte nor wrought, to the great deceite of the kynges true liege people, contrarie to the forme and effect of the sayde good acte and statute made in in the sayde. iiii. yere of the kynges most noble reyne: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that al suche licences and placardes, here tofore hadde, made, or graunted to anye suche persone or persons, contrarie to the trew meanynge, forme, & effecte of this statute, shall be from henseforth by auctoritee of this present parliament clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayde acte of parliamente, concernynge the crafte of pewterers and brasiers, made in the sayd. iiii. yere for diuers causes and considerations in the same acte conteyned, amongst other thynges it is expessed, that no person or persons, vsynge the sayde crafte of pewterers or brasiers, shoulde from thenseforth sell or chaunge any peuter or brasse, newe or olde, at any place or places within this realme

alme, but onely in open feyres or markettes, or in theyr owne dwellynge houses, but yf they were desired by the byers of such wares, vpon payne of forsaiture for euery such defaulte .x. li.

Ef for as moche as the same forsaiture is to the onely vse of the kynges hyghnes, and that any partie serchynge or fyndinge the same, is not intituled to haue any benefite therby, it hath not ben knowen, that any persone or persons haue taken any payne to enserche or make any inquerie therof, by reason wherof dyuers and many euyl disposed persons, vsynge bynge and sellynge bothe of brasse and of pewter, and not regardynge the sayde good acte, neyther the sayde penaltie, daylie go aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and from howse to howse, to sell suche pewter and brasse, *Brasse.* whiche is not good, and a so vse deceiuable weyghtes and beaines, as they did before the makynge or the sayde acte, to the greatte hurte and decepte of the kynges true liege people and subiectes. Wherfore be it enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that as well the moytie of the sayde forsaiture of .x. li. lyMITTED in the sayde statute, made in the sayde fourthe yere, as also the moytie of all other forsaitures before expessed, and euery of theym be & shalbe to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours: and the other moytie of the same forsaitures, and euery of them, to the vse of hym or them, that shall seale, fynde or present the sayde forsaitures or any of theym, or that shall sue for the same in any competente courte or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, byll, playnt, or informacion, wherin the defendant shall in no wyse be admytted to wage his lawe, nor anye protection or esoyne to any person or persones, whiche shall be impeched to haue offended contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, shalbe allowable. This acte to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

An acte concernynge the othe of commissioners of sewers. Cap. x.

It is enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, *Sewers.* that the acte late made for sewers, and the commissyon therein recited, shalbe extended, vied, & put in execucion in the towne and marches of Calais, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the same commissyon, in lyke effecte, as it is enacted to be put in execucion within this realme: and that no persone shall be compelled to be swozne, or otherwyse bounde to sytte or trauaile in execucion of any commissyon of sewers within this realme, oneles that he be dwellynge within the countie, wherof he is or shall be assigned to be commissioner: And for Calys, and the saide marches therof, oneles that he be dwellynge within the same towne of Calais or *Calais.* marches.

And bycause that dyuers persons heretofore assigned to be commissioners haue refused to be swozne, accoꝝdyng to the sayd former acte, wherby diuers commissions, heretofore made, remaine hitherto without effectuall *execu*

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execution: Be it therfore enacted, that yf any person assigned or to be assigned to be suche commissioner of sewers, beyng required hereafter by suche person or persons as haue or shall haue auctoritie by the kynges writte, or otherwyle, to receiue or accepte the othe compysed in the saide former acte, every person that so refuseth to take the same othe, or vpon that requeste made, do not receiue the same othe, and that refusall or contempte done in the chauncery, or retourned in to the chauncery with the sayde writte, shall lose and forsaite for the same contempte to the kyng our souerayne lord, fyue markes: And so to lose from tyme to tyme fyue markes for every such contempt, as shall be done or retourned into the sayde chauncery, agens any suche persone, oneles that he in the same chauncery do shewe and allege in the sayde terme, wherin such returne shall be made agens hym, sufficiente and reasonable matter and cause to be allowed by the lord Chauncellour for his excuse and discharge in that behalfe.

An acte to auoyde destruction of wyldefowle. Ca. xi.

Wylde-
fowle.



Act.

Where befoze this tyme there hath ben within this realme great plentie of wyldefowle, as duckes, mallardes, wigons, teales, wyldegeese, and dyuers other kyndes of wyldefoule, wherby not onely the kynges moste honorable householde, but also the houses of the noble men & prelates of this realme, haue ben furnished for the necessary expenses of the same houses at conuenient prices, but also al markets of the same realme were sufficiently furnished with wyldefoule, there to be solde in suche wyle, that suche as were mete to make prouision of the same for theyr houses, might at reasonable prices, at the same markets, be therof prouided. Neuerthelesse dyuers persons nexte inhabitinge in the countreys and places within this realme, where the substaunce of the same wyldefoule hath ben accustomed to bzeede, haue in the sommer season, at suche tyme as the sayde olde foule be mowted and not replenished with feathers to flye, nor the yonge fowle fully fethered perfectlye to flye, haue by certayne nettes and other ingines and policies perely taken great numbze of the same fowle, in suche wise, that the broode of wyldefoule is almoste therby wasted and consumed, and daily is lyke moze and moze to wast and consume, yf remedy be not therfore prouided: Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shall not be laful to any person or persones hereafter betwene the last daie of May, and the laste daie of Auguste, to take or cause to be taken any suche wyldefoule, with nettes or any other ingines, vpon payne of one yerres prisionment, and to forsaite for every foule so taken, iii. d. The one halfe therof to be the kyng our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same by action of dette in any



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any of the kinges courtes: and in the whiche action none essoyne nor protection shalbe allowed, nor wager of lawe receiued.

And be it enacted by auctoritie afoze saide, that all Justices of peace, ^{Justices of peace.} within the limittes of their commission, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, here, and determine the offences afoze saide, lyke as they comonly vse and do in cases of trespase.

Prouided alwaies that it shall be lawfull to any gentyll man, or anye other that maie dispende .xl. s. by the yere of freeholde, to hunte and take suche wylde foule with their spaniels only, without vsynge any nette or other ^{Spaniels} ^{els.} ingines for the same, excepte it be a longe bowe or bowes.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the saide auctoritee, that from the firste daie of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXIII. vnto the laste daie of June then nexte ensuyng, and so perely from thenseforth, no maner of person or persons shall presume by daye or by night, willingly to withdraue, purloine, take, distroie, or conueie any maner of egges of any kynde of wylde foule, from or in any neste, place ^{Egges of} ^{wildfowl} or places, where they shall chaunce to be lated by anye kynde of the same wildfoule, vpon peine of imprisonmente for one yere, and to lese and forsaite for euery egge of any crane or bustarde, so distroyed, purloyned, withdraue, conueyde, or taken from any neste or place .xx. pence: and for euery egge of euery bittour, heronne, or Houelarde .viii. d. and for euery egge of euery malarde, tele, or other wylde fowle, one peny. The one moitee thereof to be to the kyng our soueraine lord, and the other halfe to him that wollesue for the same, in forme afozesayde: wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shall be allowed. And that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of theyr commission, shall haue full power and auctoritee to enquire, here, and determine the same, in forme befoze reherfed.

Prouided alwayes that this acte extende not, nor be hurtfull at anye tyme hereafter to any person or persons, that woll distroye any crows, chowghes, rauons, and bosardes, or their egges, or to any other fowle or theyr egges, not comestible, nor vsed to be eaten.

^{Fowles}
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tible.

An acte concernyng the atteinder of Elizabeth Barton, and other, whiche vnder the colour of hipocrisie, dissimuled sanctitee, & false feined miracles, traitorously intended to distroy our soueraine lord the kyng, and to depriue him of his realme and dignitie royall. Cap. xii.



He lordes and commons in this present parlyamente assembled, moste humbly beseechen the kynges highnes, that for the declaration of his most pure & sincere conscience, in the deuorze & separation laufullly had & done betwene his maiestie, & the righte ^{Atteinder} ^{of Eliza} ^{beth} ^{Barton} ^{& other.} excellent princes the lady Catherine, & for due punishment to be had of suche persons as maliciously malynginge against the same, haue traiterously at-

attempted many notable actes, intendynge therby the distourbanſce of the peace & tranquillitie of this realme, & for the reſſeſſion, example, & reſorma-
cion of the malices & malignities, whiche hereafter may be faſſely conſpi-
red & compaſſed by ſuche euill doers, to make diuiſion within this realme,
that it may be enacted in maner and fourme ſollowynge, that is to ſay.

¶ V V H E R E O V R ſayde ſoueraigne lord, lyke a good and vertuous
prince, beyng afflicted and ſore incombed in his conſcience with the ma-
riage, whiche was ſolemnized betweene his maieſtie, and the ſayde right
excellente princeſſe the lady Catherine, late wyfe of the ryght excellent prince
Arthur, naturall brother to our ſayde ſoueraigne lord, to the whiche prince
Arthur, the ſayd lady Catherine was lawfully married, and by hym carnal-
ly known, for the onely diſcharge of his conſcience againſt almighty god,
by all true wayes and meanes inſerched, ſtudied, deuized, and conſulted,
as well with ſondry vniverſities of chriſtendome, as with a greatte num-
bre of excellent clerkes lerned in diuinitie, of the validitie and invaliditie
of the ſayde marriage ſolemnized betwene his highnes, and the ſayde lady
Catherine beyng before the ſayde marriage his ſayd brothers wyfe, and by
hym carnally known. And after the determinate and playne iugementes
of the ſayde ſondry vniverſities and well lerned men, by reaſon of incer-
ches in the holy ſcriptures of god, by a great aduiſe and deliberacion, it
was declared and ſignified vnto our ſayde ſoueraigne lord, that the ſaide
marriage, ſolemnized betwene his highnes and the ſayde lady Catherine,
was prohibited and deteſted by the lawes of almighty god: our ſayd ſoue-
raigne lord therbyppon purſued for a iuſt and lawfull ſeparacion and de-
uozſe to be had, betwene his highnes and the ſayde lady Catherine, from
the bondes of the ſaide vnlawfull & deteſted marriage, as to a good catho-
like prince beſemeth to do in that behalfe, to the intente that his maieſtie,
vnder the bondes of a lawfull marriage, conſonant and agreeable vnto the
lawes of almighty god, myght haue iſſue and procreation for the welthe,
peace, reſte, tranquillitie, & ſuretie of this his realme and ſubiectes of the
ſame: whiche deuozſe and ſeparacion is nowe lawfully had, and our ſaide
ſoueraigne lord iuſtely and lawfully married to his moſt dere and entiere-
ly beloued wyfe queene Anne, and by her hath had iſſue, and is lyke (god
beinge pleaſed) to haue moo, to the greatte comforte, reſoyce, and ſuretie
of all his ſubiectes of this realme. And albeit that our ſaide ſoueraigne
lord, lyke a good catholyke kynge, for the onely diſcharge of his conſci-
ence, and for the welthe and ſuretie of this his realme, moſte prudently,
moſte deliberately, moſte gently, moſte meekely, and moſte charitably
proceeded in the inſerchynge and knowynge of the validitie and invaliditie
of the ſayde deteſted & vnlawfull marriage, and therein paynfully trauayled
by many yeres, not only to the great inquietnes & trouble of his mynd, but
alſo to his inſtimable coſtes and expenſes: yet neuertheles, diuers & ſondry
wilfull & inobedient ſubiectes of this realme, whoſe names and offences
ſhal appere & be declared hereafter, beyng maliciously fixed in a contrary
opinion

opinion ageinst the pure iugement of the kynges owne conscience, and also the determinacions of the sayde sondy vniuersities and well lerned men, well perceyving that they, beyng but a fewe in nombze, coude not by theyr sayde wilfull and peruerse opinions, grounded of malice, corruption, and affection, hinder ne interrupte the sayde deuozse and separacion by any lawfull meanes, dyd therfore, by fals feyned hypocritie, dissimuled sanctitie, and cloked holynes, not only set forth and put in the heades of a great nōbze of the subiectes of this realme, as well rables as other, spirituall and tempozall persons, that they had knowlage by reuelacion from almyghty god and holy sayntes, that god shuld be displeased with our sayd soueraine lord, for his sayd pcedynges in the saide deuozse & separaciō of the sayd detested & vnlawful marriage. but also surmised emonges other thynges, that god had reueled to an holy woman, whose name hereafter shalbe mētioned in this acte, that in case his hyghnes pceded to thaccomplishmente of the saide deuozse, & married an other, that then his maiestie shuld not be king of this realme, by the space of one month after, and in the reputacion of god, shuld not be kyng one day, nor one houre, with many other fals feined and dissimulate fables, tales, and lies by theym vnlawfully & trayttrously practised, deuised, imagined, and conspired aswell to the blasphemie of almyghty god, as ageinst our sayd souerain lord, as by the particulars therof hereafter moze at large in this present acte shalbe expessed. That is to saye.

F Y R S T one Elisabeth Barton (nowe beyng Nonne professed in the house and priory of saint Se pulcres of Canturbury) which long afore she was professed nonne, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the parochie of Aldington in the countie of Kent, and hapned to be visited with sicknes, & by ocacion therof brought in suche debilitie and weakenes of her brayne, by ause she coude not eate ne drinke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmitie, she seemed to be in traunses, and spake and vttered many folyshe & ydell wordes. And one Rycharde Maister clerke, being person of the sayde parochie of Aldyngton in the sayde countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late archebysshop of Canturbury a far larger report cōcernyng the hypocritie, traunses, & speches of the saide Elisabeth than he coude iustifie & abide by, and after that he was cōmaunded by the said archbishop to giue good attendance vpon her, yf she shulde fortune to haue any mo suche traunses & speches, and to sende him knowlege therof. to the intent to mainteine, vpholde, and verifie such report as he had made, as well to the archbishop aforesayde, as to other; of the wonderfull traunses and speches of the sayd nonne, falsely and craftely insourmed the sayde Elisabeth, that the meruaylous wordes, whiche she spake in her traunses, afore his ridyng to tharchebysshop aforesayd, pceded of thinspiration of the holy gost: & that she was greatly to be blained, yf she wold hyde or dissemble the wonderfull workes of god shewed in her: for afore this his sayd informacion & instruction, she sayd constantly, that she could not remembre, that she spake any suche notable wordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her by the

Elisabeth
Barton.

Richard
Maister.

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Bockyng.

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said Rycharde Mafter. which Elisabeth, being in this manner of wise oftentimes perswaded, procured, & informed by the said person of Aldington, toke boldnes & corage to forge, feyn, & counterfeit such maner of tranfes & crafty speches, as the said person of Aldington told her that she vled in her sicknes afoze he went to the said archbyschop. And whā the saide Elisabeth had vled this maner of fals and feined counterfeting for a selson, & was perfect therein (so that the fame therof was gretly spred abroad in those pties of Kent) then the said person, to thintēt afozesaid, & to thintent the people shuld gyue more feith & credēce vnto her, & because he wold haue increfed the deuocion of the people in coming on pilgrimage to a chapel set in Court at strete afozesaid, within his said parochie dedicate in the honour of our lady, for his own lucre and aduātage imagined, deuised, compassed, & declared with the ayd, helpe, & counsaile of one Edward Bockyng monke professed in the monasterie in Christis church in Cāturbury, & doctoꝝ in diuinitee, that the said Elisabeth, being in the extasy & extremitie of her sincknes, in a maner distract in a transe, shuld say emonges other wōderfull wordes, that she shuld neuer take helth of her body, til suche time as she had visited the ymage of our lady, being in the sayde chapell at Courte at strete afoze sayde: and that our ladye hadde appered vnto her, and shewed her, that yf she came to the saide chapel at the daye to her appoynted, she shoulde be restored to her helthe by myracle, wher in very dede she was restored to her persyte helthe by dyete and physike, and by the course of Nature, whiche expelled the matter beyng cause of her sycknes, in the meane tyme whyles the sayde personne of Aldington was with the saide archebyschop, as is afoze reherfed. And all be it the saide Elisabeth was thus naturally restored to her helthe, yet she beyng accustomed and acquainted with the maner and facion of hir distract traunses, by the counsaile, conspiracy, and cōfederacie of the saide Edward Bockyng and Rycharde Mafter, dyd falsely practise, vse, and shewe vnto the people, dyuers and meruaylous sodeyne alterations of her sensible partes of her bodye, craftely vttering in her saide feyned and fals traunses, dyuers and many vertuous and holpe wordes, tendinge to the rebuke of synne, and in reprouynge of suche newe opinions, as then beganne to sprynge in this realme, whiche she called heresies, as she was induced and taught by the said Edward Bockyng, and Rycharde Mafter, vlyng all the wayes of false hypocrisie, to thintent the people shulde gyue belefe and credence vnto her, wherby they myghte be the sooner brought into the detestable crimes of blasphemie, and ydolatrie ageynste almyghtye god. And the sayde Edward Bockyng, beyng maliciously fxyed in his opinion ageynste the kynges hyghnes in the sayde detested matrimonie, and intendynge in his mynde after wardes for his parte, falsely and traytoursely to vse the sayde Elisabeth, as a diabolike instrument, to styre, moue, and prouoke the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, to mourmour and grudge ageynst the maiestie of our soueraygne lord, and all his iuste and laufull procedynges in the sayde deuozse and separation, as after he dyd
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in very dede, for thaccomplishyng of his said fals malicious & traytrous intentis falsely deuised and conspired with the said Richard, that the said Elizabeth shuld shewe and manifest her selfe to the people, to be an excellent vertuous and an holy woman, and that al her wordes and dedes shuld appere to the worlde, to procede of a marueylous holynes, rebukynge the comon sinnes and vices of the worlde, as though she were tauht and inspired of the holy spirite of god. And not onely moued and counsailed the said Elizabeth thus to vse her selfe, surmittinge to her, that she spake suche thinges in the extasie of her sicknes, that came by thinspiration of god, but also counsailed and procured the said Elizabeth to be brought & conueide to the saide chapel of our lady, and she therein openly in the ptesence of the people (that there shuld be assembled by their procurementis) shuld vse and experient such lyke trances and alteracions of her face, & other the outward sensible partis of her body, as she vled in the extremite and extasie of her said sicknes. To whose counsailes and aduertisementes the said Elizabeth agreed. Wherupon at a day by them apointed and agreed, the said Edward and Richard, labored, solicited, and procured aboute the nombze of .ii. thousand psons, to repaire to the said chapel, surmitting that the said Elizabeth (which as they said) had meruailous & many visions & reuelacions of god, shuld be brought thether, & there receiue her helth by miracle of our lady, whose image was in the said chapel. By reason of whiche fals feined and detestable conspiracie and hipocrisy, at the daie by them apointed, there assembled to the said chapell aboute the nombze of .ii. thousand people. At which day also, the said Edward Bocking and Richard Maister procured and caused the said Elizabeth to repaire to the said chapell, where the said Elizabeth, albeit she at that time, & long afoze was restored to helth of her body, & discharged of her tormetes and afflictions, which she had in the extasie of her sicknes: yet nethertheles by the procurement & crafty counsel of the said Edward Bockyng, & Richard Maister, did falsely feine & shewe vnto the people in the same chapell many alteracions of her face and other outward sensible partes of her body, and falsely feined & shewed her selfe in trances, vttering wondrous wordis, as she was afoze subtilly & craftily induced and taught by the said Richard and Edward to do. And emonges other thinges, she vttered, that it was the plesure of god, that the said Edward Bockyng shuld be her gostely father, & that she shulde be a religious womanne, as she was taught by the said Edward Bockynge, and Richard Maister. And within a while after demonstracion of suche fals feined and dissimuled traunses, she appered to the people to be sodainly reueled from her sicknes and afflictions: by the intercession and meanes of the image of our lady being in the same chapell. By meanes of whiche false feyned hypocrisie, dissimuled and cloked sanctitie, so conspired and craftily imagined by the said Edward Bockyng and Richard Maister, the said Elizabeth was brought into a meruailous fame, credit, and good opinion of a great multitude of the people of this realme. And to increase the

same of the sayd fals feined hypocrisie, the saide Elizabeth afterwarde, by the counsaile and procurement of the saide Edward Bockyng, entered into the religion, & became a nonne professed in the saide priore of saint Sepulchres, to whom the saide Edward Bockyng had commonly his resorte, not without probable, vehement, and violente suspicion of incontinnencie, pretending to be her gostly father by goddes appoyntment. And by conspiracie betweene her and hym, caused her styl to persiste and abyde in the practising of her saide fals hypocrisie and dissemblynge trances and raptis: And that she shuld surmit to the people, that whan she was in such simulated alteration of her sensible partes of her body, that she was then rapt by almyghty god from thaffections of this worlde, and tolde by the holy spirit of god, many thynges that shulde folow to the world for punishment of the synnes of the pryncis and the peple. And that she shoulde also say, that she was moche prouoked and tempted as well to the sinne of the fleshe, as otherwyle, by her gostly enemye the deuyl, at dyuers and sondry times, and in diuers & sondry ways and facions. And yet neuertheles, that she by the grace of god was preserved, and stedfastly resisted suche temptacions. By occasion of which counsaile & procurement of the saide Edward Bockyng, the saide Elizabeth, by continuance of tyme toke suche a courage vpon her, that she falsely feined & said, that she had many reuelacions of almyghty god, and his holy saintes, with heuenly lyghtes, heuenly voices, heuenly melodies and toyes, and specially in a chapell of saint Giles in the saide nonnerie: to the whiche chapell she ofentymes resorted to receiue visions & reuelacions, as comanded by god, as she falsely reported, and specially by night, sayng that the docture doze was made open vnto her by goddes power, vtterynge the same aswel to the saide Edward Bockyng, as to dyuers other persones: By the which her fals feined reuelacions & cloked hypocrisy, she was reputed amonges many people of this realme, to be a very holy womā inspired with god, where in very dede, she neuer had vision or reuelacion from god, as she hath playnly & openly confessed her selfe. And therfore her stealyng forth of the docture in the nyght (whiche was ones or twise wekely) was not for spiritual busines, nor to receiue reuelacions of god, but rather for bodily communication & plesure with her frendes, whiche coude not haue so good leasure & oportunitie with her by day. And for ratificaciō of her fals feined reuelaciōs, the sayd Edward by conspiracie betwene hym & the saide Elizabeth reueled the same to the most reuerēd father in god, William late archbishop of Canturbury, who by fals & vnttrue surmises, tales and lies of the saide Edward & Elizab. was allured, brought, & induced to a credite therein, & made no diligēt serches for trial of their said fals hodes & confederaciōs, but suffred & admitted the same to the blaphemy of almyghty god, & to the great disceit of the prynces & peple of this realme. And for a perpetual memozy of the sayd feined & dissimuled hypocrisie & fals reuelacions of the saide Elizab. the saide Edward Bockyng, Richard Mastier, & one John Deryng, a monke in the sayd monasterie of Chyestes church forsaide, made wyte, & caused to be written

John Deryng.

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ten sundry booke bothe great and smalle, bothe printed and wrytten, concerning the particularities of the saide fals and feined hypocrisie and revelations of the saide Elisabeth, or the defence or great praise of the same. Submitting and putting forth the same false and feined practises and revelations of the saide Elisabeth to be iust and true miracles, shewed by almighty god in the favour of the sanctitee of the said Elisabeth, where in dede they bene and were falsely deuised, compassed, conspired, wrytten, and maintained by the said Elisabeth, Edward Bocking, Richard Master, and John Dering, to thowly intende to bringe the saide Elisabeth in the fame and credite of the people of this realme, wherby the people shulde the more be apte and disposed by her fals cloked hypocrisie and sanctitie, to committe the crimes of blasphemie and idolatrie agaynst god, and also the soner induced by the false revelations of the saide Elisabeth to murmur, grudge, and be of euill opinion against the maiestie of our saide souerain lord, to the great peril and danger of his most royal person. And one Edward Thwaites gent, translated and wrote diuers quaires and shetes of paper, concerning the said fals feined revelations and miracles of the said Elisabeth. And also one Thomas Laurence of Canturbury, being register to the archedecon of Canturbury, at the instance and desire of the saide Edward Bocking, wrote a great booke of the said fals and feined miracles and revelations of the saide Elisabeth in a faire hande, redy to be a copie to the printer, when the saide booke shulde be put to stampe.

Edward
Thwaites
Thomas
Laurence,

Amonges which fals & feined revelations surmised by the said Elisabeth and put in writings in diuers booke by the fals conspiracie, meanes, and procurement of the said Edward Bocking, Richard Master, John Dering, and other theyr complices, there is expressed, that the deuill shuld appere to the saide Elisabeth in diuers facions, somtymes lyke a man wantonly apparelled, somtyme like a birde deformed, and somtyme otherwise. And that Mary Magdalene shulde often apere to the saide Elisabeth, & reuele to her many revelations. And at one tyme shuld deliuer to her a letter wrytten in heuen, parte wherof was lynned with golden letters, where in dede the same letters were wrytten with the hande of a monke of saint Augustins in Canturbury named Haubert. There was also wrytten and contained amonges the said fals & feined miracles & revelations, that when the kinges highnes was at Calys in the enteruewe betwene his maiestie & the french king, & heing masse in the churche of our lady at Calys, that god was so displeased with the kinges highnes, that his grace saw not that tyme at the masse the blessed sacrament, in fourme of breade: for it was taken away from the priest (being at masse) by an aungel, and ministred vnto the saide Elisabeth, then being there present & inuisible, & sodenly conueid & capt thens again by the power of god in to the saide nonnery, where he is professed, with many other fals feined fables & tales deuised, conspired, and defended by the saide Elisabeth, Edward Bocking, and John Dering, wrytten as miracles in the saide booke for a memoriale to set forth the fals

and feyned hypocrisie & cloked sanctitte of the saide Elisabeth to the people of this realme, as by the said sondy bokes and wrytinges therof made, sene, and examined by the kinges most honourable counsaile moze plainly appereth: In whiche bokes be wrytten suche termes and sentences of reproche and slander ageinst the kinges highnes, & the quene, which were to shamefull to be wryten ageinst the most vile & vngacious persons liuing, whiche to here it wolde abhoze euery trewe subiecte of this realme.

¶ And after the saide Elisabeth, by suche her false and feyned hypocrisie and dissimuled sanctitte was brought in a great bzute and fame of the people in sondy parties of this realme, then the saide Edward Bockynge by procurement and secrete conspiracie of diuers persons vnknewen, whiche maligned ageinst the procedynges of the kynges hyghnes, for the separation and deuorze in the saide detested and vnlawfull mariage traytously intending to put the kinges highnes in a murmur and euil opinion of his people for the same, counsailed & styred the saide Elisabeth, that she shulde aske a petition of almyghty god, to knowe whether god was displeased with the kinges highnes for procedynge in the saide deuorze and separation of the mariage betwene his hyghnes & the saide lady Catharine, declaring to her many tymes, that he and diuers other notable lerned men of this realme, and many of the common people of the same, were in firme opinions, that the kynges procedyng in the saide deuorze, was ageinst the lawes of god. Wherpon the saide Elisabeth subtilly and craftily conceyving thopinion and mynd of the saide Edward, willing to please him, reueled and shewed vnto the saide Edward, that she had knowlege by reuelacion from god, that god was highly displeased with our saide souerayne lord for the same matter. And in case he desisted not from his procedynges in the saide deuorze and separation, but pursued the same, and married ageyn, that then within one month after suche mariage, he shuld no lenger be kyng of this realme: and in the reputacion of almyghty god, shulde not be a kyng one day nor one houre: and that he shulde dye a villaynes dethe: Sayinge farther, that there was a roote with thye branches, and tyll they were plucked vp, it shulde neuer be merie in Englande: interpretinge the roote, to be the late lord Cardinall, and the fyyst branche to be the kyng our souerayne lord, the seconde the duke of Norff. and the thyrde the duke of Suff.

Whiche fals fetned reuelacions, by the mi cheuous & malicious counsaile and conspiracy of the saide Edward Bockynge, with the saide Elisabeth, here wryten and expressed in the saide bokes and volumes, conteyning the false & feined reuelacions & miracles of the saide Elisabeth, for a perpetuall incynory therof, to thutter reproche & petil of destruction of the kynges person, his honour, fame, and name: and pruely and secretely set forth by the saide Elisabeth, Edward Bockyng, John Dering, and Richarde Master generally to diuers and many of the kynges subiectes, and specially as to electe persons, to the reuerende father, John byshoppe of Rochester, and John Adelson clerke, chapleyne to the same byshop, & to one Henry Golde priest,

John
Adelson.
Henry
Golde.

pzeſte, bacheler of diuinitee, to Hugh Riche, frier obſeruant, and late war-
 depu of the ſcyers obſeruauntes of Canturbury, whiche beate malice and Hugh
Riche.
 malignitee to all the kynges pꝛocedinges in the ſaid deuozſe & ſeparacion,
 bicauſe it was contrary to their peruerſe and frowarde opinions, intending
 by colour of the ſaid falſe and feyned hypocriſie and reuelacions of the ſaid
 Eliſabeth not onely to let the ſaid deuozce and ſeparacion, but alſo to bꝛing
 and ſet forth ſecretely in the heedes of the people of this realme, as well no-
 bles as other, that all the kynges actes and pꝛocedynges in the ſame, were
 againſt holy ſcriptures and the pleaſure of almighty god: wherby the kyn-
 ges hyghnes ſhulde be bꝛought in a grudge and euill opinion of his peo-
 ple. And the ſaide John byſhoppe of Rocheſter, Henry Golde, Hugh Riche, John biſh
hop of
Rocheſ-
ter.
 Richarde Biſhop, Richarde Maſter, John Deryng, at ſondꝛye and ſeueral
 tymes and places ſpake with the ſaide Eliſabeth, and toke relacion of her of
 the ſaide falſe and feyned reuelacions, whiche ſhe feyned that ſhe had of
 almyghty god, as well concernyng the kynges hyghneſſe as other, after the
 fourme and termes aboue ſpecified. And hauyng knowlege therof, the ſaide Richard
Biſhop.
 Hugh Riche, Richarde Biſhop, and Henry Golde clerke gaue ſuche firme
 and conſtant credit therunto, that they traytrouſly conceived hit from the
 kynges hyghneſſe, and traytrouſely beleued in their hertes, that the kyng
 our ſoueraigne loꝛde, after his late mariage ſolemnized betwene his hygh-
 nes and his ſaide mooste dere and entirely beloued wyfe quene Anne, was
 no lenger rightſall kyng of this realme, in the reputacion of almyghty
 god, wherby in their hertes and wylls they traytrouſely withdꝛewe from
 his hyghnes their natural dueties of obedience: And ſecretely taught and
 moued other perſones (to whom they reueled the ſaide falſe and feyned re-
 uelacions) that they ought and myght lawfully do in the ſame wyſe: and
 pꝛactiſed the ſaide matters againſt the kynges maieſtie, falſely, maliciously,
 and traytrouſly at ſondꝛy places and tymes with the fathers and nonnes
 of Sion, and diuers monkes of the Charter houſe of London and Shene,
 and with diuers friers obſeruauntes of the places of Richemont, Grene-
 wiche and Canturbury, and to diuers others bothe ſpirituall and tempo-
 rall perſones in great nombꝛe, to thintent to ſowe a ſe recte murmur and
 grudge in the hertes of the kynges ſubiectes againſt the maieſtie of our
 ſaid ſoueraigne loꝛde, and all his pꝛocedynges in the ſaid deuozſe and ſe-
 paracion, intendinge therby to make ſuche a diuiſion and rebellyng in this
 realme, amonges the kynges ſubiectes, wherby the kynges hyghnes ſhulde
 not onely haue ben put to peryl of his lyfe, but alſo in ſcoperdie to be depꝛi-
 ued from his crowne and dignitie royall.

And ſoꝛ a moꝛe plaine and particular declaracion of the malicious and
 traitrous intents of the ſaid Eliſabeth, Edward Bocking, John Deryng,
 Hugh Riche, Richard Biſhop, and Henry Golde, they concluded by a confe-
 deracie amonge them ſelves, eche with other, to ſet forth in ſermones & pꝛe-
 chinges the ſaide reuelacions to the people of this realme, againſt the kin-
 ges maieſtie, whan ſo euer it ſhulde pleaſe the ſaide Eliſabeth to appoynt
 them

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them the tyme, when they shuld so do: and agreed eche with other secretly, and set forth the saide false and feyned reuelacions to their acqeyntance and frendes in this realme, intending to make a great multitude of people of this realme, by their secreete cōspiracies, in an aptnes to receyue and take suche their sermons and p̄chynge, whiche they intended to make, as is aforesaid, concerninge the p̄misses, traitrouly intending therby to put our saide souerayne lord, not only in the perill of his life, but also in the ieopardie of losse and dep̄riuation of his crowne & dignitie copall of this realme from him and his lafull succession for euer. And in accomplishing their false traitrous and malicious intentes agēst our saide soueraine lord, they caused the saide Elisabeth, at two tymes, secretly to declare the saide false and feyned reuelacions to.ii. of the popes oratours and ambassadours at the cities of Canturbury and London. At whiche tyme the saide Henry Golde toke vpon him to be interpretatour therof, betwene the saide Elisabeth and one of the saide oratours named Antony Bulleon: and thinterpretatour to thother oratour named Siluester, was the foresaid Laurence of Canturbury to the intent the kinges hyghnes, and all his procedynge in, the saide deuor̄se and separacion shulde be brought in to an euill opinion with the pope and other outwarde p̄inces and potentates. And the saide Hugh Riche actually traualled to sondry places of this realme, and made secreete relacon of the p̄misses, concernyng the kinges hyghnes, to diuers lordes bothe spiritual and tempozal, and diuers other persons lay and learned, secular and religious. And the saide Henry Golde ouer this, actually traualled and made relacon therof to the saide lady Catharine p̄inces dowager, to animate her to make commocion in this realme agaynst our said souerayne lord, surmytting that the saide Elisabeth shulde haue by reuelacion of god, that the saide lady Catharine shulde prospere and do well, and that her ysse the lady Mary the kinges doughter, shuld prospere and reygne in this realme, and haue many frendes to susteyne and mainteyne her. And the saide Elisabeth and Edward Bocking, John Dering, and Richarde Master lyke wyse actually traualled to diuers places in this realme, and made secreete relacon of the saide false feyned hypocrisie and reuelacions of the saide Elisabeth, and gaue knowlege herof to diuers other sondry persons of this realme.

All whiche conspiracies and confederacies of the saide Elisabeth, and other her complices aboue mencioned, was traittrously and maliciously deuised and practised by the said Elisabeth, Edward Bocking, John Dering, Richarde Master, Henry Golde, Hugh Riche, and Richard Bysop, to the intent traittrously to distroy our saide souerayne lord, and to dep̄rue him and his lafull succession from the crowne and dignitie copall of this realme, whiche mattier hath ben practised and imagined amonges them for the space of many yeres: wherof the hole circumstance were very longe to be wyrtten in this acte. And the saide John Fisher byshop of Rochester, A. God. and one Thomas Golde gentylman, and the saide Thomas Laurence,

Edwarde Thwaites, and John Adeson chapleyne to the said John bishop of Rochester, hauinge knowledge of the false feyned and dissimuled reuelacions, traytorously conspyred ageynste our sayde soueraygne lord (as is aforesayde) dyd neuer the les make concelement therof, and vttered not the same to our sayde soueraygne, nor any his honozable counsell, ageynste theyr duties and allegiance in that behalfe.

And furthermoze the sayde Thomas Golde, for the accompyshement of his sayde mooste traytrous intente, hath of late bene a messenger from the sayde Elizabeth, sithen she was in ward in the towre of London for the sayde mooste false and trayterous offences, by her and her sayde complices committed and done (he then beyng at libertie) by his message hath comforted dyuers others to stande styffely by her reuelacions, that they were of god: Not withstanding that she had confessed al her said falsshed before diuers of the kynges counsaylours, and that they were manifestly proued, founde, and tried mooste false and vnttrue: whiche thyng he dydde onely to rayse and put sedicion and murmur in the people ageynst the kynges highnes, his crowne and dignitie royall. And one Thomas Abell clerke, beyng of the confederacie aforesayd. And takynge suche firme and constante credit to the sayde fals and feined reuelacions & myracles of the sayde nunne: not onely caused to be prynced and sette forth in this realme dyuers bookes ageynst the sayd deuorice and separacion: to the disclander of our sayde soueraygne lord, but also animated the sayde lady Catharine obstinately to persist in her wylfull opinion, ageynst the same deuorice and separacion: and after the sayd deuorice lawfully had, to vsurpe and take vpon her stylle to be queene, & procured diuers wrytynges to be made by her, by the name of queene: and also procured and abbetted the seruantes of the sayde lady Catharine ageynst the kynges expresse commandment and proclamation, to name, calle, accepte, and repute the sayd lady Catharine for quene of this realme: to the intent to make a common diuision and rebellion in this realme, to the great peryll and daungier of our sayd soueraygne lord.

In con sideracion of all whiche premysse, and for as much as the sayde false, feyned and dissimuled hypocrisy, cloked sanctitie, reuelacions, and feyned myracles, of the sayd Elizabeth is playnly confessed before the kynges mooste honozable counsaile by the sayd offenders, and hath bene set forth in this realme, not only to the blasphemy of almyghthy god, whereby a great multitude of people of this realme, were not only induced to idolatrie, but also brought in a moutmour and grudge amonges them selves to the great peryll of the destruction of our sayde soueraygne lord and his succession, and to the ieopardie of a great commocion, rebellion, and insurrection in this realme, to the vtter desolacion therof, if by the goodnes of almyghthy god, and by the great trauayle of the kynges hyghnes, and his nobles and counsaylours, by great serches and examinacions, it had not ben reueled and known.

Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, that the

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the sayde Elizabeth Barton, Rycharde Maister, Edwarde Bockynge, John Deryng, Hughe Riche, Richard Ryfey, and Henry Golde, for their severall offences aboue rehearsed, by them recognized and confessed, shalbe conuicted and atteynted of high treason, and shal suffre such execution and paynes of death, as in cases of high treason hath bene accustomed, and shal lose and forsaite to our saide soueraygne lord, and his heires and successours for ever, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had of estate of inheritance, in vse or possession at the xx. day of October last past, or any tyme sythen: & also all suche their goodes and cattalles as they or any other to theyr vse had the. xvi. day of Januarie laste past, or any tyme sythen. And that also al suche benefices and spirituall promotions, whiche the said Rycharde Maister, & Henry Golde or any of them had at the. xvi. day of Januarie, or any tyme sythen, shal from the sayde. xvi. daye of Januarie be voyde, as though the same Rycharde and Henry were dead of theyr naturall deathes. And that the saide John byshoppe of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Chwaytes, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, for theyr sayd severall offences shalbe conuicted and atteynted of misprision and concelement of treason, as parsons that haue gyuen such credit, counsayl, and constant beleue to the sayd principall offendours: wherby they haue taken courage and boldnes to commytte theyr sayd detestable treasons and offences. And that the said John byshop of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Chwaytes, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell for theyr sayd severall offences by them commytted, shal suffre imprisonmente of their bodys at the kynges wylle, and lose and forsaite to the kynges highnes all their goodes, cattalles, and dettes, which they or any persones to theyr vles, or by theyr deliuey had the said. xvi. day of Januarie, or any tyme sythen the sayde day. And that suche benefices and spirituall promotions, as the sayde John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, or any of them had the sayde. xvi. daye of Januarie, shal from the twenty daye of Marche, the yere of our lord. M. D. XXXIII. be voyde in the lawe, by auctoritie of this acte, as if the sayde John Adeson and Thomas Abell were deade of theyr naturall deathes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that proclamacion shalbe made vnder the kynges great seale in al shires, cities, boroughes, & townes corporate in this realme, as well within libertie as without, conteynynge the tenour of this acte, to the entente that the cloyed, false, and dissimulate offences of the offendours may be knowen, and the people thereby to take an example of dyede to offende in lyke cases hereafter, and that in euerye of the sayde proclamacions shal also be added and contayned, that euery suche person and persons, whiche hath in theyr custody and keepynge any bookes, scrolles, or wrytynges conteynynge any the fals feyned reuelacions and dissimuled miracles of the said Elizabeth, or any of them, shal within. xl. dayes next after suche proclamacions bringe or cause to be brought

brought the saide bokes, scrolles, and wytynges vnto the lord Chauncel-
 lour of Englande, lord treasurer, lord presidente of the kynges moste ^{procla-}
 honorable counsaile, and lord priue seale, or to one of them, vppon payne ^{tion,}
 of imprisonment, and fine makinge to the kyng our souerayne lord. And
 yf any persone or persons after suche proclamations had and made, accor-
 dyng as is aboue saide, knowyngly and wyllyngly doo reterne and kepe
 any suche bokes, escrolles, or wytynges, and cause them not to be deliue-
 red accor dyng to the tenour of the saide proclamation aboue reherfed: that
 then any persone offendyng the same, and beyng therof by due examina-
 cion conuicte befoze any of the kynges counsaile, shall suffre imprisonment,
 and make fyne to the kyng by the discretion of the kynges counsaile, ac cor-
 dyng to the merites of his offence.

¶ And albeit that a great nombze and multitude of other the kynges sub-
 iectis of this realme, as well spirituall as temporall, whole names be not
 aboue specially mencioned, by theyr greatte negligences and folpes, incly-
 ned to newe fangilnes, haue spoken with the same Elisabeth, and other het
 complices and conspiratours aboue specified, and haue had relation and
 knowledge to theym gyuen in and vppon the feyned and false reuelations
 and miracles aboue reherfed, as welle concernyng our saide soueraygne
 lord as otherwyle: and haue made conceplimente therof, not vtterynge
 the same vnto the kynges maiestie, nor to any his honourable counsaile,
 as to the dueties of trewe liege men apperteyneth in that behalfe, wherby
 they woorthely haue deserued to suffre suche punyshement, paynes, and
 losses as personnes conceplynge treasons and other hyghe offences, tow-
 chyng the honour and suretie of our saide soueraygne lord, owen of good
 reason equitie and lawe to do. ¶ YET neuer the lesse the kynges royall
 maiestie, at the humble suite and contemplation of his moste dere entiere
 and welle beloued wyfe queene Anne, of his moste gracious benignitie is
 pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente par-
 lyamente, that all and euerie other his subiectes not aboue conuicted and
 atteynted by this acte, shall be released, acquyted, and clerely pardoned a-
 geynst his hyghnesse, his heires, and successours for euer, of and for all
 maner of conceplimentes, offences, trespasses, communications mespissions,
 contemptes, and misdemeanours, whiche they or any of them befoze the
 twentye date of October laste paste committed or dydde concernyng the
 said false and feyned miracles and reuelations of the said Elisabeth, or any
 parte therof, and of all circumstaunces and demeanours touchyng the
 same, soo that none of his saide subiectes, other than be aboue conuicted by
 this acte, shall hereafter by any meanes be impeached, chalenged, or trou-
 bled by our saide soueraigne lord, his heires, or successours concernyng
 the premisses or any parte or circumstance thereof, but shall be by this pre-
 sente acte pardoned and released therof for euer.

CAn acte lymittynge what nombze of shepe men shall kepe, occupte,
and haue in theyr owne possession at one tyme .Ca. xiii.



Fermes.

For as moche as dyuers and sondry persones of the kynges sub-
iectes of this realme, to whom god of his goodnes hath dispo-
sed great plentie of mouable substandce, now of late within few
yeres haue dayly studied, practised, & inuented wayes, & menes
howe they myghte accumulate and gather to gether into fewe
handes as wel great multitude of fermes, as great plentie of cattail, and in
especial shepe, puttyng suche landes, as they can get, to pasture, and not to
tillage: wherby they haue not onely pulled downe churches and townes,
and inhaused the olde rates of the rentes of the possessions of this realme,
or els brought it to suche excessyue fynes, that no poore man is able to me-
del with it, but also haue rayled and enhaused the pices of all maner of
corne, cattail, wulle, pigges, geese, hennes, chekyns, egges, & suche other,
almoste double aboue the pices, whiche hath ben accustomed. By reason
wherof a meruaylous multitude and nombze of the people of this realme
be not able to prouide meate, drinke, and clothes necessarie for them selues,
theyr wyues and chyldren, but be so discoraged with miserie, and pouertie,
that they fall dayly to thefte, robberie, and other inconuenience, or pitiful-
ly dye for hungre & colde. And as it is thought by the kynges most humble
and louynge subiectes, one of the greatest occasions, that moueth and pro-
uoketh those greedy and couetous people so to accumulate & kepe in theyr
handes suche great porcions and partes of the groundes and landes of
this realme from the occupyng of the poore husbande menne, and so to
vse it in pasture and not in tillage, is onely the great profite that cometh
of shepe, whiche now be come into a fewe persons handes of this realme,
Sheepe. in respecte of the holl nombze of the kynges subiectes, that somme haue
xiii. thousande, some .xx. thousande, some .x. thousande, some .vi. thou-
sonde, some .v. thousande, and some moze and some lesse. by the whiche, &
good shepe for vitayle, that was accustomed to be solde for .ii. s. iiii. d. or
iii. s. at the moste, is now solde for .vi. s. or .v. s. or .iiii. s. at the leaste: And
a stone of clothynge wooll, that in some wyse of this realme was accusto-
med to be solde for .xviii. d. or .xx. d. is now solde for .iiii. s. or iii. s. iii. d. at
the lest: in some countreys, where it hath ben sold for .ii. s. iiii. d. or .ii. s. viii. d.
or .iii. s. at the moste: it is now solde for .v. s. or .iiii. s. viii. d. the lest. And so
at rayled in euery parte of this realme. whiche thynges thus vled, be prin-
cipally to the hygh displeasure of almyghty god, to the decay of the hospita-
ltee of this realme, to the diminyschyng of the kynges people, & to the let of
the clothmakynge, wherby many poore people hath ben accustomed to be
set on woork, and in conclusion, yf remedy be not founde, it maie turne to
the vtter destruction and desolacion of this realme, whiche god defende.
It may therfore please the kynges hyghnes, of his most gracious & godly
disposicion: and the lordes spirituall and tempozall of theyr goodnes and
charitie,

charitie, with the assent of the commons in this present parlyament assembled, to ordeyne and enacte, by auctoritie of the same, that no personne nor persones from the feast of saint Michaell the archangell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god . M. D. XXXV. shall kepe, occupie, or haue in his possession in his owne propre londres, nor in the possession, londres, or groundes of anye other, whiche he shall haue or occupie in ferme, nor otherwysse, haue of his owne propre cattall in vse, possession, or propertie by any maner of meanes, fraude, craft, or couyn, aboue the nombze of two thousande shepe at one tyme, within any parte of this realme, of all sortes and kyndes, vppon payne to lose and forsaite for euery shepe that any person or persones shall haue or kepe aboue the nombze limited by this acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to suche person as wyl sue for the same, by original wytte of dette, bylle, playnte, or informacion in any court of recoorde, in whiche suite the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any eschoine or protection allowed.

Prouided alwaye, that lambes shall not be accounted of the nombze of shepe prohibited by this acte, so longe as they be vnder the age of a yere and not aboue. Lambes.

Prouided also, that if any person, hauynge shepe of his owne, happen to be made executour, or to be administratour to any person, whiche had shepe at his deathe, or happen to be married to any person, whiche shall happen to haue shepe at the tyme of the mariage: by reason wherof the persone, soo beinge executour or administratour, or beinge so married, shall happen by suche meanes to be aduanced, and haue aboue the saide nombze of two thousande: that then in euery suche case, the person so aduanced to lose no penaltee, for hauynge aboue the nombze of two thousande shepe by suche meanes, so that within one yere nexte after suche aduancement, the person so aduanced from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shall happen, do put to sale, or otherwise dispose so many of the saide shepe, so to hym aduanced, or els of his owne shepe, that he had befoze: so that aboue one yere he shall not kepe, haue, or occupie by any suche meanes, or otherwise by any fraude or couyn, any moze nombze of them, then is befoze limited by this acte, vpon the payne befoze rehearsed.

Prouided also, that if any person by his laste wyl and testament gyue to any chylde within age, any numbze of shepe, and appoynte them by his saide wyl, to be kepte by his executours, or by any other person, vnto suche tyme as the saide chylde shall come to a certayne aeger limited by his wyl: that then in euery suche case, after the deathe of the testatour, the saide shepe so beinge in the possession and occupation of the executours, or of any other persone, to the vse of any suche chylde within age, for that tyme onely that the saide chylde shall be within the age, that he shalbe limited to haue the saide shepe, by the wyl of the testatour, shall not be accounted ageynste the saide executours, nor any person so hauynge the saide shepe, Infant.

for the intente afoze sayde, anye of the numbze of the shepe prohibited by this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

Justices
of peace.

¶ AND IT IS further enacted, that the Justices of the peace of every shere, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire of the offenders of this acte, as well by the othes of twelue men, as by informacion of any of the kynges subiectes: and to make such helpe proces vpon every presentment or informacion concernynge this acte, as they vlen commonly to do vpon presentmentis befoze them of trespass: And that no person being conuicte by confession or otherwyle, that he hath done or attempted contrary to this acte, shall be put to any lesse fine than after the rates of the forsaitures afoze limited by this acte.

¶ PROVIDED always that no persone shall be put to any answer or losse of any forsaiture by vertue of this acte, at the suit of any the kynges subiectes, by any originall writ of dette, byll, playnt, or informacion: except the suite be commenced within one yere nexte after the offence done or committed contrarie to this acte. No: that any person shall be put to answer, no: to any losse of any forsaiture by vertue of this acte, by reason of any presentment, action, or informacion at the kinges sute, except the saide presentment, action, or informacion be had and made for the king within thze yeres nexte after the offence done or committed.

Foldage

¶ Provided alway, that all and every person and persons, being the kynges tempoꝝal subiectes of this realme, and bozne vnder his obeisance, which at this present tyme, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue or be seised of inheritance in possession or in vse: or that now hath, or hereafter shall haue iuncture in vse or in possession: or be or shall be tenant in dower, or by the curtesie of Englande, or in any manours, landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynge, or libertie of foldage within any parte of this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches of the same: that every suche person and persons, hauynge any suche possession to his owne vse, and every suche person and persons, to whose vse any other person or persons now is, or be, or hereafter shall be seised of any suche estate, as is befoze reherfed, may at all tymes hereafter haue, enioy, kepe, and mainteyne vpon the same their owne demeyne landes, and all other their pastures, fedinges, and foldcurtesies, whiche they so haue, as many their owne shepe and lambes in nombze to their propre vse, profite, and behoue as they or any of them of right had, or lawfully might haue had and kepte vpon the same, or vpon any parte therof, at any tyme befoze the makinge of this present acte: This acte, or any thinge therein conteyned or specified to the contrarye in any wyle not withstandynge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by the auctoritie afoze saide, that in case any suche person or persons, hauynge any suche estate in vse or in possession or in any maner landes, tenementes, pastures, fedinges, or liberties of folde cours as is befoze expressed, haue or do kepe vpon the same theyr possessions the nombze of two thousand shepe or aboue: the same person or persons so hauing the nombze of two thousand shepe or aboue, shall not in any wyle

wyse, kepe, susteine, or haue any sheepe aboue or beside the sayde nombze of two thousande, vpon any landes, pastures, or feedynges, whiche the same persone or persones haue, or hereafter shall haue, or take in ferme, or otherwise, vpon suchelike peynes and forfaytures for the same, as be limited in the sayde acte: that is to saye, for euery sheepe ouer and aboue the sayd nombze of two thousande, thre shillings foure pence. And in case the sayde demeyne landes, tenementes, pastures, feedynges, and liberties of foldecourtes of any person or persons before rehersed suffice not for the feedyng, pasturyng, and keepinge of two thousande sheepe, as is before sayde, that than euery suche persone shall or may haue, susteyne, or feede vpon his sayd demeyne landes, and vpon his ferme holdes, whiche he laufully may haue, to the sayde nombze of two thousande sheepe, and not aboue, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery sheepe, aboue that nombze. iii. s. iiii. d.

foldes
courtes.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted, that it shall be lefull to euery persone or persones within this realme, keepyng a householde, to haue from tyme to tyme such conuenient nombze of sheepe, ouer and aboue the nombze expressed in this acte, as shall be necessarie for the onely expences of his householde, to be provided, kepte and fedde in and vpon his owne landes or other landes, suche as he laufully can or maye haue, or provide for, in ferme or other wyse: Any thyng in this presente acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. So that the same householder at no one tyme shall haue or kepe for the expences of his householde, or by colour of the same, ouer and aboue the nombze to hym lymitted by this acte, any nombze of sheepe mo than shall suffice for the onely expences of his householde for one yere, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this present acte mencioned or expressed to the contrary notwithstanding.

house
holde.

¶ Be it also further enacted by thautozitee aforesaide, that no maner pson or psons, of what degre so euer he or they be, being lord or lordes, owner or owners, fermer or fermers, of or in any libertie of foldecourtes, within any towne, tythynge, village, or hamlette within any of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolke from and after the feaste of the natiuitie of our lord god nexte commynge, shall take in ferme for terme of yeres, or other wyse any quilletis of landes or pastures, that is to saye, any nombze of acres of lande or pasture, apperteynyng to any other persone or persones, lyng and beyng within the lymitte, extente, or pzeincte of the sayde libertie of the sayde foldecourtes: but that they shall permytte and suffre the sayde persons, hauyng or beyng for the tyme owner or owners, lessee or lessees of the sayd quilletis, to manure and pasture the sayde quilletis. And also to suffre the sheepe of the sayde owner or owners, fermer or fermers of the sayde quilletes, after the rate of the same quylletes, to go with the flocke of the owner, fermer, or occupper of the sayde libertie or liberties of the sayde foldecourtes, payng the customarie charges for the keepyng and feedyng of the same, after the rate and vse of the countrey there commonly vsed, withoute anye interruption therein to be made by the sayde owner

quillet
of lande.

net or owners, fermier or fermers or occupiers of the sayde liberties, upon payne of forfeiture for every tyme that any suche persone, havinge any suche quillet that shalbe so letted or disturbed of feedynge, keepynge, or pasturynge any of his sheepe so to be fedde and kepte after the rate of his sayde quillet, for ever of suche sheepe thre shillynge. iiii. d.

¶ Provided alway that this act or bysch concerning quillettes, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not in any wise be availeable to any tenant, owner or occupier of any such quillet or quillettes, to claime, have or vse hereafter any suche pasture or feedynge of his sheepe, in or with any suche foldcourses, but onely where the tenants, owners, and occupiers of any suche quillettes have had or mought have had here tofore of right and dutie used to have pasture and feedynge in the sayde foldcourses, by reason of theyr tenures and occupacions of the same quillet or quillettes, and none otherwysse. and where they have not used, ne oughte to have any sheepe fedde or kepte within any such foldcourses, by reason of the saide tenures, that the owners or occupiers of suche foldcourses may take such quillettes, lyng within theyr foldcourses, in ferme, agreeynge with the owners or occupiers of the saide quillettes for the same.

*C. of
sheepe.*

¶ And for as muche as the numbze of the .C. of sheepe in everie countrey be not lyke, in some countreie the great .C. where .vi. scoze is accompted for the .C. and some countrey but onely .v. scoze: it is este declared by this presente acte, that the numbze of two thousande sheepe, limited to everie person by this acte, shalbe accompted .x. c. for every thousande, after the numbze of the great hundred, and not after the lesse .c. so that everie thousande shal containe .xii. C. after the lesse numbze of the hundred.

¶ It is also further provided by the auctoritee afoze said, that lammes under the age of one holl yere, and as moche as shal be from the tyme of the fallynge of them unto the feast of the natiuitee of saynt Iohn Baptiste in any yere to come, shal not be adiudged, ne taken for sheepe prohibited by this estatute: any thyng in the acte to the contrarie not with standynge.

Lambes.

¶ It is also further enacted by auctoritee afozesaide, that no maner person, after the sayd feast of the natiuitee of our lord, shal receiue or take on ferme for terme of lyfe, yeres, or at wyll by indenture, copy of courte rolle, or other wise, any mo houses & tenementes of husbandrie, whereunto anye landes are belongynge, in towne, village, hamlet, or tythinge within this realme, aboue the numbze of two suche holdes or tenementes. And that no maner person shal have or occupie any suche holdes, so newly taken to the numbze of two, as is befoze expessed, excepte he or they bee dwellynge within the same parishes, where such holdes be: upon the payne of forfeiture for every weeke, that he or they shal have, occupie, or take any profites of such holdes contrarie to this act .iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitie of which forfeiture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by bylle, playnte information, or other wysse within one yere nexte after suche contempte and offence

fence committed and done, in the whiche none esloen, protection, ne wage of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

It is also further enacted by auctoritee afoze sayde, that the statutes made the fourth yere of the noble prince kynge Henry the .vii. and in the .vii. yere of the regne of our souerayne lord the kynge that now is, concerninge the decaye of townes, and mayntenaunce of tpyllage and husbandry, shalbe good and effectuell in euery thyng accordyng to the true purport and intent of the same, any thyng in this present act to the contrarye not withstandinge.

Decaye
of townes

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Prouided also that it may be lafull to al spirituall persones and euery of them, to kepe suche and as many shepe vpon theyr owne landes, and after suche forme and maner, and none other wyse, as they moughte haue done afoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng mencioned in the same to the contrarye not withstandinge.

Spiritus
all pers-
ons.

An acte for punishmente of Heresie. Ca. xliii.



A moste humble wyse lamentable sheweth vnto your highnes your most humble louing & obedient subiectes, the comons of this your realme, that where the Clergie of the same, in the seconde yere of kynge Henry the .iiii. one of your moste noble progenitours, vpon theyr suggestiō dyd impetratee and opeyne by auctorite of parliament, holden in the sayde seconde yere: that it shulde be lesfull for euery ordinarie to conuente, areste, and imprison any person or persons, whom they thought defamed or suspecte of heresie, and them to kepe in theyr prisons tyll they were purged thereof, or abiured, or committed to laie power to be burned, after the determination of the holy church & canonycall sanctions, as in an acte made at the parlamente holden in the sayde seconde yere of kynge Henry the .iiii. emonges other thynges moze at large dothe appere: For as moche as the sayde acte dothe not in any parte therof declare anye certayne cases of heresie, contrary to the determination of holy scripture, or the canonycall sanctions therein expessed, wherby your moste louyng & obedient subiectes mought be lerned to exchewe the daungers and peynes in the sayd acte comprised, and to aboze and deteste that foule & detestable cryme of heresie: And also because those wordes Canonycall sanctions, & suche other like conteyned in the sayd acte, are so general, that vneth the most expert & best lerned man of this your realme, diligently lyng in wayte vpon hym selfe, can eschwe and auoyde the penaltie & daunger of the same act & canonycall sanctions, if he shuld be examined vpon suche capcions interrogatories, as is & hath ben accustomed to be ministred by the ordinaries of this realme, in cases where they wyl suspecte any person or persones of heresie. And ouer this for as moche as it standeth not with the right order of Justice nor good equitee, that any person shulde be

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conuicte, and put to the losse of his lyfe, good name, or goodes, onles hit were by due accusacion and witnes, or by presentment, verdict, confession, or proces of outlawrie: and also by the lawes of your realme, for treasons committed to the peril of your most royall maiestie, vpon whose suretie dependeth the hole welthe of this realme, no persone can ne maye be putte to death but by presentment, verdict, confession or proces of outlawrie, as is afoze sayde. Wherfore it is not resonable, that any ordinarie by any suspicion conceyued of his owne fantasie, without due accusacion or presentment, shulde put any subiecte of this realme in the infamie and sclaunder of heresie, to the peril of life, losse of name and goodes. And that also there be many heresies & peines, & punishmētes for heresies declared, & ordeined in & by the said canonical sanctions, & by the lawes and ordinaunces made by the popes or byshops of Rome, and by their auctorities, for holdynge, doyng, preachynge, or spekyng of thynges contrarpe to the sayde canonical Sanctions, lawes, and ordinaunces, whiche be but humayne, being mere repugnaunte and contrarious to the prerogatiue of your imperiall crowne, regall iurisdiction, lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces of this your realme: By reason wherof your people of the same, for obseruynge, mainteynynge, defendyng, and due executyng of your sayde lawes, statutes and prerogatiue royall, by auctoritee of that acte, made in the sayde second yere of kyng Henry the. iiii. may be broughte into sclaunder of heresie, to theyr great infamie and daunger, and peryll of theyr liues.

In consideration wherof it may please your highnes, by the assente of your lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, to adnull, abrogate, frustrate, and make voyde the sayd acte, made in the said second yere of kyng Henry the. iiii. and euery thyng therein conteyned. And neuerthelesse for as moche as the moste foule and detestable cryme of heresie, shoulde not hereafter growe and increace, but vtterly be abhored, detested, and eradicate, ne that any heretikes shuld be fauored, but that they shuld haue condigne & sufficient punishment. And for the represse of heretikes, and such erroneous opinions in tyme comynge, be it established, ordeyned, and enacted, by the auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, that the statute made in the fyfthe yere of your noble progenitour kyng Rycharde the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of kyng Henry the. v. concernyng punishment and refozmacion of heretikes and lollarde, and euery prouision therein conteyned, not beinge repugnant to this acte: shalbe and stand in their force, strength, and effecte. **P**rouided alway, and be it enacted for speddy presentment to be had of heresies, that such person & persones, as haue in vse or in possession to theyr own vse, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of their owne lyues, or of any other persons lyfe, landes & tenementes, to the clere yerely value of xl. s. shalbe enpaneled, and haue power and auctoritee to inquire and present heresies: And that euery presentment made by suche persons shalbe as good and effectuell, and be put in execucion to all intentes,

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in lyke maner and fourme as if euery the presentours had had landes and tenementes, to the yerely value of a hundreth Myllynge, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the sayd acte of kynge Henry the. v. any thyng in the sayd acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

Provided also and be it enacted by auctoritee afoze sayd, that Shireffes in shires, theyr turnes, and all other haupng turnes, and stewardes in theyr letes, rapes, and wapentackes, shall haue power and auctoritee to inquire of heretikes lyke as they enquire of common anoylances, and that euery presentement made in any turne, leete, rape, or wapentacke concernynge heresy, shall be certified to the ordinarie in suche maner and fourme as presentementes afoze any Justice assigned by the saide acte of kynge Henry the. v. are lymitted and appoynted by the same acte to be certified: And lyke proces shall be had, made, and executed, vpon euery suche presentement to be made in any turne, leete, rape, or wapentacke as is limited in the said acte of kynge Henry the. v. vpon presentementes taken afoze the Justices assigned by the same acte to inquire of heresies.

Provided alwaie and bee it enacted, that no maner of licence or auctoritee, or other thyng or thynges be hereafter had or opteyned of the byshop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, to preache in any parte of this realme, or to do any thyng in the same contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogative royall, vpon the peynes limited in the saide lawes and statutes of this realme: any thyng conteyned in the preamble of the sayd estatute of kynge Richard the second, or in any the statutes befoze reherced, or in any statutes of this realme to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee afozesaide, that euery person and persons beyng presented or indited of any heresie, or duly accused or detected therof by two laufull witnesses, at the least, to any ordinaries of this realme, haupng power to examyne heresies, shall and may after euerye suche accusacion or presentment, & none otherwise, nor by any other menes be cited, conuicted, arrested, taken, or apprehended by any the sayd ordinaries or any other the kynges ministers and subiectes who so euer. And after they shall be so taken and apprehended, shall be committed to the ordinaries to aunswere in open courte and in an open place to theyr suche accusacion and presentmentes. And if they shall happen to be laufullly conuicted of the heresie, wherof they are so accused or presented: that then they shall abiure, ^{Abiuras} ^{cion,} if they wyll refuse and renounce theyr saide heresies, wherof they shall be so accused or presented, as is afozesaide, and do such reasonable penance for theyr offences, as shall be limited by the discrecion of the sayd ordinaries. And if they after theyr laufull conuiction, refuse to abiure, or after abiuration fall in relaps, and be duely accused or presented, and conuicted thereof, as is afozesayde: that then in suche cases they shall be committed to laie power, to be bourned in open places for example of other, as hath bene accustomed, the kynges wytte, *De heretico comburendo*, first had and opteyned for

for the same.

And where the great nombze of the kynges subiectes, hauynge lyttell or no lernynge nor knowlage of letters, haue ben put in opinion, that by dyuers lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, and constitucions heretofore made by the byshop of Rome, called the pope, and his predeceffours, or by theyr auctoritees for the aduancementee of theyr worldly gloze and ambition, euery man, that in any thyng speketh or doth ageynst the saide pretended power, or auctorite of the same bishop of Rome, or any the said lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, and constitucions standeth in danger, and is impecheable of heresie: whiche effecte or matter, nor any suche lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, or constitucions, not approued & confirmed by holy scripture, was neuer commonly accepted or confirmed to be any lawe of god or man within this realme. wherfore be it enacted and ordeyned by auctorite of this presente parliament, that no maner speakynge, doynge, communicacion, or holdynge ageynst the sayde bishoppe of Rome, or his pretended power or auctorite, made or gauen by humayne lawes or policies, and not by holy scripture: nor any speakynge doynge communicacion or holdynge ageynst any lawes, called spiritual lawes, made by auctoritee of the see of Rome, by the policie of men, whiche be repugnant, or contrariant to the lawes & statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogatiue royall: shalbe demed, reputed, accepted, or taken to be heretic. Nor that any subiecte or resiant of this realme shalbe for any suche speakynge, doynge, communicacion, or holdynge, impeched, bered, or troubled for any poynte or matter of the sayde detestable crime of heresie: any what so euer canon lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, constitucions, or other thyng here to fore made, or beyng, or hereafter to be made to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

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of peace.

Provided alwaie that suche person and persons, as shall happen to be accused, presented, or indited of heresie, as is afoze limited by this acte, shall and may be letten to bayle by the ordinarie by theyr discrecions, or els in theyr defaute, if they refuse so to do, then by the discrecion of two Justices of peace of that shire, where such persons so accused or presented, shall inhabit, by. iiii. sufficient sureties to be bounden to the kynges vse by obligation or recognisance to appere befoze the ordinarie at suche daies, tymes, and places, as shalbe lymitted in the sayde bondes by the sayde ordinarie, or in theyr defautes, by the sayde two Justices, excepte the ordinarie can and do declare vnto the kynges highnes, and to his counsaile, a reasonable cause, that the said person or persons so accused or presented of heresie, shuld not be let to bayle, as is afoze limited.

An acte concernynge printers and bynders of bokes. Ca. xv.

Strangers.



HERE AS by the prouision of a statute made in the fyrste yere of the reygne of kyng RICHARDE the thirde, it was prouided in the same acte, that all straungers repairynge in to this

this realme, myghte laufully byyng in to the saide realme printed and wryt-
ten bookes to sell at theyr libertie and pleasure. By force of whiche prouisi-
on there hath comen in to this realme sithen the makynge of the same, a
marueylous nombre of printed bookes and dailely dothe. And the cause
of the makynge of the same prouision seemeth to be, for that there were
but fewe bookes and fewe pryncers within this realme at that tyme, whi-
che coulde well exercise and occupie the sayde science and crafte of prync-
tyng: Neuer the lesse, sithen the makynge of the sayde prouision, ma-
nie of this realme, beyng the kynges naturalle subiectes, haue gyuen
them so dylgentelye to lerne and exercyse the sayde crafte of prync-
tyng, that at this date there be within this realme a great nombre counnyng
and experte in the sayde science or crafte of prync-tyng, as able to exercyse
the sayde crafte in all poyntes, as any straunger in anye other realme or
contray. And further moze where there be a great nombre of the kynges
subiectes within this realme, whiche lyue by the crafte and mysterie of
byndynge of bookes, and that there bee a greatte multitude well experte
in the same: yet all this not withstandynge there are diuers persons, that
byng from beyonde the sea great plentie of printed bookes, not onely in
the latine tonge, but also in our maternall englishe tonge, some bounde in
bozdes, some in lether, and some in parchment, and them selle by retayle,
wherby many of the kynges subiectes, beyng bynders of bookes, & hauyng
none other facultie wherwith to get theyre liuyng, be destitute of woork,
and lyke to be vndone: except some refozmacion herin be had. Be it therfore
enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and tempo-
ral, and the commons in this present parlamente assembled, and by aucto-
ritie of the same, that the sayd prouiso, made the first yere of the said kyng
Richarde the thirde, from the feast of the natiuite of our lord god nexte
comynge, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that no person or
persons, resiant or inhabitant within this realme, after the sayd feast of Chyris-
mas next coming, shal bie to sel ageine any printed bookes brought fro any
parties out of the kynges obeysance, redye bounden in bozdes, lether, or
parchement, vppon peyne to lose and forsaite for euery booke bounde out
of the saide kynges obeysance, and brought in to this realme, and boughte
by any person or persons within the same to sell ageyne, contrarie to this
act, fyre shyllynge eighte pence.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that no persone or
personnes inhabytant or resiant within this realme, after the sayde feast
of Chyristmas, shal bye within this realme, of any stranger, bozne out of
the kynges obedience other then of denizens, any maner of printed bookes
brought from any the partes beyonde the sea, except onely by engrole & not
by retayle: vpon peyne of forsaiture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery boke so bought
by retayle, contrarie to the fourme & effect of this estatute, the sayd forsa-
tures, to be alwayes leuied of the byers of any suche bookes, contrarie to
this

Printers
and byn-
ders of
bookes.

Statute
made in
the year
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this acte: The one halfe of al the sayd forsaftures to be to the vse of our souerayne lord the kynge, and the other moytie to be to the partie that wyl lease or sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, be it by byl, playnt, or informacion, wherin the defendante shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor no protection, ne essoen shalbe vnto hym allowed.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite befoze saide, that yf any of the sayde printers or sellers of printed bookes, inhabited within this realme at any tyme here after happen in suche wyse to enhance and increace the prices of any suche printed bookes in sale or byndynge, as to hyghe and vntreasonable prices, in suche wyse as complaynte be made therof vnto the kynges highnes, or vnto the lord chauncellour, lord treasurer, or any of the chiefe Justices of the one benche or of the other: that then the same lord chauncellour, lord Treasurer, & .ii. chiefe Justices, or two of any of them, shal haue power and auctoritee, to enquire therof, as well by the othes of .xii. honeste and discrete persones, as otherwyse by due exchaynacion, by theyr discrecions. And after the same enhansynge and increasynge of the sayde prices of the sayde bookes and byndynge shal be so founde by the sayde .xii. men, or otherwise by examinacion of the sayde lord chauncellour, lord treasurer, and iustices, or two of them: that then the same lord chauncellour, lord treasurer, and Justices, or two of them at the leaste, from tyme to tyme, shal haue power and auctoritee to reforme and redresse suche enhansynge of the prices of printed bookes from tyme to tyme by theyr discrecions, and to lymytte prices as well of the bookes as for the byndynge of them: & ouer that the offender or offenders therof, beyng conuicte by the examinacion of the same lord chauncellour, lord treasurer, & two Justices, or two of them, or otherwyse, shal lose and forsaite, for euery booke by them solde, wherof the price shal be inhaunsed, for the booke or byndynge therof .iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe therof shalbe to the kynges hyghnes, & the other halfe vnto the parties greued, that wyl complaine vpon the same, in maner and forme befoze reherced.

In acte that euery iudge of the highe courtes and certayne other, maye haue one chaplayne beneficed with cure. Capit. xv.

Chaplaynes beneficed with cure.



Where in the parliamente holden at Westmynster, in the xxi. yere of the regne of our souerayne lord kynge Henry the .viij. it was amonges other thynges ordeyned and prouided, that certayne honoꝛable persons, as well spirituall as tempoꝛall, shal haue chaplaynes beneficed with cure, to serue them in theyr honoꝛable houses: whiche chaplaynes shal not incurre the daunger of any penaltie or forsafture, made or declared in the same parliamente for none residence vpon theyr sayde benefices, or for obtaining licences for dispensacions

tions of pluralites. In the whiche acte no pꝛouision was made foꝛ any of the kinges iudges of his highe courtes, commonly called the kinges benche and the common place, excepte onely foꝛ the chefe iudge of the kinges benche, noꝛ foꝛ the chauncellour, noꝛ the chefe baron of the kinges exchequer, noꝛ foꝛ any other inferiour persons, being of the kinges moſte honorable counſaile, as by the ſaide acte maye appere. Wherfoꝛe hit is ordeyned and enacted by auctozitie of this pꝛeſente parliament, that as well euery iudge of the ſaid highe courtis and euery of the chauncellour and chefe baron of the ſaide eſchequier, the kinges generall attornei, and generall Solicitour, whiche foꝛ the tyme is, be, oꝛ ſhalbe, ſhall and may from hencefoꝛth at his libertie reteyne and haue ſingularlye to euerye of them in his houſe, oꝛ attendant to his perſone, one chaplayne, hauing one benefice with cure of ſoules, which may be abſent from his ſaid benefice, and not reſident vpon the ſame: The ſaide ſtatute made in the ſaid. xxi. yere, oꝛ any other ſtatute, acte, oꝛ ordinance made to the contrarie, in any wyle not withſtandynge.

Judges
of the
high
courtes.

Chancel-
lor of
theſche-
quer.

**An acte concernynge ſhopynge in Crosbowes
and handgonnes.** Ca. xxi.



Here befoꝛe this tyme diuers and ſondꝛ good ſtatutes and pꝛouisions haue bene made and ordeyned foꝛ the auoydynge and eſchewynge of ſhopynge in crosbowes and handgonnes: whiche ſaide hoſſome ſtatutis and pꝛouisions not withſtandynge many wylfull and lighte diſpoſed perſons from tyme to tyme haue attempted the bꝛeche oꝛ violacion of the ſame ſtatutis. In conſideracion wherof be it enacted, ordeyned, and eſtablyſhed, by the auctozitie of this pꝛeſent parliament, that no perſon oꝛ perſones, of what eſtate oꝛ degree he oꝛ they be: excepte he oꝛ they in their owne righte, oꝛ in the righte of his oꝛ their wyfes, to his oꝛ their own vſes, oꝛ any other to the vſe of any ſuche perſon oꝛ perſons, haue landes, tenementis, fees, annuities, oꝛ offices to the yereleſſe value of an hundred poundes, from the fyrſt day of June nexte comynge, ſhall ſhote in any handgunne oꝛ crosbowe, oꝛ vſe oꝛ kepe in his oꝛ their houſes, oꝛ els where any crosbowe oꝛ handgunne, vpon payne to ſoꝛfaite foꝛ euery tyme that he oꝛ they ſo offende, contrarie to this acte. x. li. And that it ſhalbe leſfull to euery perſone, that may vſe and kepe any crosbowe oꝛ handgunne, oꝛ that maye ſhote in the ſame (not withſtandynge this acte) to ſeyle and take euery ſuche crosbowe and handgunne oꝛ any of them, from the keepynge oꝛ poſſeſſion of euery ſuche offender, and the ſame to kepe oꝛ reteyne to his oꝛ their owne vſe.

Cros-
bowes
hande-
gonnes.

AND BE IT further enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛeſaide, that no lordes oꝛ oweners of any leetis, beare oꝛ mainteyne any of their tenants oꝛ ſeruantis within the pꝛecincte oꝛ iuriſdiction of their leetis, to doo oꝛ offende contrarie to this acte, vpon payne to ſoꝛfaite foꝛ euery tyme ſo offen-
dyng

byng. x. li. The one moytie of all the same forsaithures to be to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, and the other moitie to the partie that woll pursue for the same, by byll, playnt, action of dette, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche sute no essoen or protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendand receyued to wage his lawe.

Justices
of peace.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shall be lawful to the Justices of peace in their sessions, and to all stewardes and baillyes in their seuerall letes, to enquire, here, and determyne euerye suche offence hereafter to be committed or done contrarie to the fourme of this estatute: so that alwaye no lesse fyne then. x. li. be assessed vppon euerye suche presentment and conuiction accor dyng to the due course of the lawe. The same fyne so by the Justices of peace, vpon euerye presentment or conuiction made befoze them, to be payde and leuied onely to the kinges vse. And the moyte of euerye fine to be assessed by the stewardes or baillyes of euerye leete, vpon euerye presentment and conuiction befoze them to be made, to be payed and leuied to the vse of the owner of the same leete by distress or action of dette: and the other moytie of the same fine to be to the partie, that wol pursue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by byll, playnte, informacion, or action of dette, in whiche no essoen nor protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendand shalbe receiued to the wager of his lawe.

Provided alway, if that any offender contrarie to the forme of this estatute by any maner of processe or meane firste ageynst him conceyued or presented, shalbe compelled or constrained to pay or content any suche forsaithure or penaltie, as is aforesaid, for his saide offence contrarie to this acte: that then euerye suche offender, after paymente or satisfaction made therof, shalbe clerely acquitted and discharged ageynst euerye other person for the same forsaithure or penaltie in euerye suite, processe, or presentment ageynst him to be pursued for the recouerte of the saide penaltie.

Letters:
Placard:
des.

Be it also ferther enacted by the auctoritie afoze saide, that all lycences, letters, placardes, gyuen or graunted, or here after befoze the saide first day of June nexte comynng to be gyuen, had, or graunted to any person or persones by the kinges highnes, for the shotyng in crossebowes or hande gunnes, or for the byng or kepyng of the same, contrarie to the forme of this acte, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie afoze said, that al former statutes made and provided of and for auoydng and restraynte of shotyng in crossebowes or handegunnes, or of and for any of them, or for the byng & kepyng of the same, be from henceforth utterly voyde and of none effect.

Provided alwaye, that euerye proces, suite, or informacion, conceyued, commenced, & now dependyng for any offence done contrarie to the forme of any estatute made or provided for the shotyng in crosse bowes and handgunnes not repeled, and for the kepyng of the same, shalbe good and effectuell to the parties that haue commenced the same, in suche forme, effecte, degree, or condicion, as if this acte had neuer ben made.

Provided alwaie that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned be not in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons now beynge, that hereafter shalbe appoynte by the kynges hyghnes to kepe, receiue, or take any crossebowes or handgunnes, that shalbe forfayt, or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kynges forestes, parkes, or chases: but he or they may lawfully kepe and reteyne the same crossebowes or handgunnes from tyme to tyme, vnto suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared. Forest.
Parkes.
Chases.

Provided alway, that this act extend not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes: but that they may lawfully kepe crossebowes and handgunnes in theyr houses: and shote in crossebowes or handgunnes onely for prouinge and assauring of them. **P**rovided alwaies that in all walled townes within seuen myles of the sea, and other townes or holdes standing vpon the sea costes, or vpon any of the englishe matches for against Scotlande, it shalbe leful to euery man dwellinge in suche townes or holdes to kepe in theyr houses, beynge within the same townes or holdes, crossebowes and handgunnes, for the onely defence of the sayd townes, holdes, & houses, & as well to exercise & vse them in & for the defence of the said townes & houses, beynge in the same townes, as for to carie them to their shippes, there to kepe & exercise them for defence of their shippes, and for theyr goodes in the same shippes, and for none other cause, any thyng comprised, or expessed in this present acte to the contrarie, not withstanding. Townes
walled.

Provided also, that yf any person or persons hereafter in any parte doo offende, or do contrary to the puruew & remedy of this act, wherupon there is cause for action of the same giuen to the kyng, his heires or successours or to any other person or persons that woll sue by vertue of this act, for the punishment of the sayde offence or forfaites: that if the kyng our souerain lord, his heires or successours, within one yere nexte immediately after such offences and forfaites had and made, do not pursue their action, or actions so giuen by this sayd act or cause of examinacion vpon suche defaultes and offences to be had & made befoze their counsell, or other presentmentes thereof to be had according to the meanyng of the same act, And euery other person, whiche hereafter maie haue action or actions vpon this statute within halfe a yere nexte and immediatly after such offences and forfaites had and made, do not comence theyr suites, informacion, or presentmentes, of & vpon the said forfaites, by action or otherwise, as of and vpon such forfaites as be declared & expessed in this present acte: that then as well the kyng our souerain lord, his heires & successours, after one yere nexte after suche offences and forfaites had & made, if none sute in his or theyr name be take by action or otherwise, as is befoze expessed, befoze the same yere ended & determined, as euery other person after halfe a yere next after lyke offences & forfaites had & made in forme aforesaide, if none sute there vpon be take by none of them in forme aboue declared, be utterly excluded & barred of theyr said suites, actions, & examinacions to them giuen by vertu of this said act.

And the parties and euery of them so offendynge, be of all suche offences and forfaites clerely discharged and quite, any thyng in this acte comprised to the contrarie not withstandynge, and as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Marchant.

Prouided also that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, extende not or be prejudiciall to any marchauntes, the whiche haue or shall haue any crossebowes or handegunnnes to sell within this realme, and to none other vse. Prouided alway, that no maner of person renne in any danger, or take hurte by reason of any penaltie or forfaiture conteyned in this act, tyll such tyme as proclamation be made of the same acte: nor by the space of .xx. dayes nexte after the sayde proclamation be made within the countie, where the partie that shall or may offend contrarie to this act dwelleth.

Prouided also that if any maner of person bring or cause to be brought with him into his lodgynge, or into any other mans house, any crossebowe or handgunne: that then the penaltie and forfaiture, of any such be or hereafter shalbe forfeited by reason of this acte, to renne and be onely vpon the bringer of the sayd crossebowe and handegunne, and not to the owner of the same lodgynge or house, if the said owner of the said lodgynge cause the bringer therof to take and recarie away the sayde crossebowe or handegunne agayne with hym at his departynge: any thyng in this acte made to the contrary not withstandynge.

Licence.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte concernynge crossebowes and handegunnnes, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende or in any wise be hurtfull to any person or persones, to whom it shall please the kynge our soverayne lord, his heires, or successours to geue licence by his letters patentes vnder his great seale to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes, or in euery of them: or to haue and kepe the same crossebowes or handgunnes in his or theyr houses for the defence of the same.

Where it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that if any person or persons hereafter from the fyrst date of June next coming, se or fynde any person or persons offendynge or doing contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euery suche persone or persones, perceiuyng, fyndynge, or seynge any suche persone or persons so offendynge contrarie to the fourme of this acte, to arrest and attache euery suche offender or offenders, and to bring or conuey the same offender or offenders, to the nexte Justice of the peace of the same countie, where the sayde offender or offenders shall be founde so offendynge. And that the same Justice of peace vppon a dewe examination and proue therof before hym hadde or made by his discrecion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to sende or committe the same offender or offenders to the nexte gaole, there to remaine tyll such tyme as the saide penaltie or forfaiture shalbe truly contented & payde by the saide offender. The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, & the other moitie therof to the fyrst bringer or conueyer of the sayd offender to the same Justice of peace.

Proui-

Prouided alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, be not in any wyse hurtful or pzeiudicial to any seruant or persone, that hereafter from the sayde fyrst day of June, shall bende, beare, vse, or assay any crossebowe or handegunne, by the commaundemente of his lord or mayster, soo that the sayde seruant or persone do not shote at any fowle, deere, or other game, what kynde or nature so euer they be, nor also to any suche seruant, person or personnes, that shall after the sayde fyrst daye of June, beare or conueye anye crossebowe or handegunne, to anye place or places by the commaundement of his lord or mayster, that may shote by the auctoritie of this act, so that the sayd seruāt or other pson, so byngyng or conueyng the sayd crossebowe or handgunne, haue redy to shewe to euery person, requyrng the sight therof, one licence in wryting sealed or subscribed by his sayde lord or maysters hande, to carpe and conuey the same crossebowe or handgunne, to thintent to be amēded, repaired, or assayed, as is aforesayde.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteyned, be hurtfull or pzeiudicial to any gonners beinge in the kynges wages, onelye for shotinge in handgonnes, bearyng or keepyng of the same handgonnes in theyr houses: So alwayes that they with the same doo not shote vnto anye beast or foule vpon the peynes befoze expressed.

Prouided alway that it shalbe lauffull for the inhabitantes of the countreis of Northumberlande, Duresme, Westmerlande, and Comberlande, to kepe in theyr houses, crosbowes and handgunnes, and shote in the same for defence of theyr persons, goodes, and houses ageynste theues, scottis, and other the kynges enemies, and for clenysynge & scouryng of the same onely, & for none other purpose: This acte or any thyng comprised within the same not withstandyng.

An ace concernyng clothiers, or makers of wollen clothes within the shire of Worcester. Ca. xliii.

She weth vnto the kinge our soueraygne lord, and to the lordes spirituall and temporal, and to the comons in this present parliament assembled, the citezens, burgeses, & inhabitantes of the cite of Worcester, and of the townes of Cuesham, Droitwiche, Kederminster, & Bromisgroue within the countie of Worcester, that where the sayd cytie, boroughes, and townes haue ben in tymes past well & substantially inhabited, occupied, maynteyned, and vpholden by reason of makynge of wollen clothes, called longe clothes, short clothes, & other clothes as well whites, blewes, and browne blewes: and the pooze people of the same cite, boroughes and townes, and of the countrey adioynyng to them dayly sette a worke, as in spinnynge, cardynge, breakyng, and sootyng of wolles, and the handy craftes there inhabitynge, as weauers, fullers, thermen, and diers, haue ben wel set a worke, & had sufficiēt living by the same, vntyl now within few yeres passed, that dyuers psons inhabitynge & dwellinge in the hamlettis, thropes, & villages, adioynyng to the sayd cytee, boroughes

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rowes, and townes, within the sayde shire, for theyr priuate welthis, singular aduantages, and commodities, nothinge regardynge the mayntenance and vpholdynge of the sayde cytie, bozoughes, and townes, ne the common welth of the sayd handy craftes, inhabiting and dwelling within the sayd cytie, bozowes, and townes, ne the pooze people, which had lyuynge by the same, haue not only ingrosed and taken into theyr handes diuers and sondry fermes, and becom fermers, grasters, & husbandmen, but also do exercise vse and occupy the misteries of clothmakinge, weauing, fulling, & shearynge within their sayde houses, and do make all maner of clothes, as wel bzoode clothes, whites, and playne clothes within theyr sayde houses, in the countreis abzoode, to the great decay, depopulacion, and ruine of the sayde cite, townes, & bozowes. For remedy wherof, & for the amēdinēt, good aduācement of the sayd cyte, bozowes, and townes, be it enacted by auctozitee of this pzent parliament, that after the last day of Septēber, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lordē god .M. D. XXXVI. no maner persons ne person, of what degree or condicions so euer he or they be of, shal make or cause to be made within the sayd shyre of woꝛcester any maner of wollen clothes to be solde, excepte onely suche persons or person, as after the sayd last day of Septēbꝛe, shalbe dwelling & inhabiting within the sayd cytie of woꝛcester, the bozoughes, & townes of Euesham, Droptwiche, Kederminster, & Bromisgroue within the sayde countie of woꝛcester, or in any one of them, vpon pain of forfaiture, for euery such bzoode cloth made after the said daye by any person or persons, contrarie to the true meanyng of this acte. xl. s.

And further it is pꝛouided by auctozytie aforesayde, that the lordes and owners of the meles, tenementes, or cotages within the sayde cytie, or anye of the townes and bozoughes aforesayd, shal at no tyme hereafter dimitte, sette, or let anye melle, tenemente, or cotage sufficiently repayꝛed within the sayd cite, bozoughes, or townes befoze lymitted, to any person or persones, that hereafter shal inhabite in the sayde cite, bozoughes, or townes, and exercysynge any of the sayde misteryes or craftes at any higher rent, imposition, or charge, than was gyuen for the same at any tyme within .xx. yeres next befoze the makinge of this act only excepte.

Provided alwaie, that this acte be not hurtfull ne pꝛejudiciall to anye persone or persones for makinge any clothes for theyr owne wearinge, their childerne, or seruauntes wearynge.

Also pꝛouided, that in the sayd citee and euery towne and bozough aforesayde, there shalbe due serche made of euerye suche cloth befoze saide, there made, and that thei be meated both length and bꝛede, beyng wette from the mill, & befoze thei be set vpon the racke and dried: and that they shalbe sealed with the seale of the sercher of the same citee, towne, or bozowe: whiche seale shal haue a stampe containynge the true nombꝛes, for the length and bꝛeade of the same clothe beyng wette: in peine of forfaitinge for euerye clothe put to sale, not haupnge the saide seale of the sercher .xx. s. And the sealer to forfait for euerye clothe, by hym searched and sealed contrary to the

the true menyng of this acte. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of the said forfaites to be to the kyng our souerayne lord, & the other halfe to the partie that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by wryt of lette, byll, playnt, or informacion, in whiche actions or action, the defendantes or defendante shall not wage theyr law, ne any essoen or pteccion shalbe allowed. And the sercher shall haue for þe serching & seling of euery cloth a peny, & not aboue.

CAn acte concernynge the submission of the clergie to the kynges maiestie. Cap. xix.

Where the kinges humble & obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of England, haue not only knowleged accordyng to the truth, that the Conuocaciōs of þe same clergie, is always hath bene & ought to be assembled only by the kynges writ, but also submitting the selves to þe kynges maiestie, hath pmissid in verbo sacerdotii, þe they woll neuer fro hensforth psume to attepte, allege, clayme, or put in bre, or enact, promulge, or execute any new canōs, cōstitucions, ordināce prouincial, or other, or by what so euer other name they shalbe called in the Conuocacion, onles the kynges moste royall assente and licence maye to them be had, to make, promulge, & execute the same: and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe. And where dyuers constitucions, or denaunce, and canons prouinciall or Synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thoughte not onelye to be moche pzeiudiciall to the kynges pzerogatiue royal, and repugnant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, but also ouermuche onerous to his highnes and his subiectes: the sayde clergie hath moste humbly besought the kinges highnes, that the sayde constitucions and canons may be committed to the examinacion and iugement of his highnes, and of. xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parliamente, of the tempoꝛaltie: and other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme: And al the sayd. xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie. And that suche of the sayde constitucions, and canons as shal be thought and determined by the sayde. xxxii. persons, or the moze parte of them, woꝛthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shalbe abolite & made of no value accordyngely. And suche other of the same constitucions and canons, as by the sayd. xxxii. or the moze parte of them, shall be approued to stande with the lawes of god, & consonante to the lawes of this realme: shal stande in theyr full strenght and power, the kynges most royall assent fyrst had and obtained to the same. Be it therfore now enacted, by auctoritee of this pꝛesent parlyamēt, accordyng to the sayd submissiō & petition of the sayd clergie, that they ne any of them from hensforth shall pꝛesume to attepte, allege, clayme, or put in bre any constitucions, or ordināces prouincial or Synodals, or any other canons: Nor shall enacte, promulge, or execute any suche canons constitucions, or ordināce prouinciall, by what

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so euer name or names they maye be called in theyr conuocations in tyme comyng, whiche alwaye shalbe assembled by auctoritee of the kynges writ: Oneles the same clergie may haue the kinges most royall assent & licence to make, promulge, and execute such canons, constitucions, and ordinaunces prouinciall or Synodall, vpon payne of euery one of the sayde clergie, doinge contrarie to this acte, and beinge therof conuicte, to suffer enprysonment, and make fine at the kynges wyll.

And for as moche as suche canons, constitucions, and ordinaunce, as heretofore haue bene made by the clergie of this realme, can not now at the session of this present parliamente, by reason of shortnesse of tyme, be viewed, examined, and determined by the kynges highnes, and .xxxi. personnes to bee chosen and appoynted, accordyng to the petition of the sayde clergie, in fourme aboue reherced: Be it therefore enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the kynges highnes shal haue power and auctoritie to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the sayde .xxxi. personnes, of this subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the clergie, and, xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parliamente. And if any of the said .xxxi. persons so chosen, shall happen to dye before theyr full determination: then his highnesse to nominate other from tyme to tyme, of the sayd two houses of the parliament, to supply the nombere of the sayde .xxxi. And that the same. xxxi. by his highnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctoritie to viwe, serche, and examine the saide Canons, constitucions, and ordinaunce prouinciall and synodall heretofore made: and suche of them, as the kynges hyghnes, and the sayde. xxxi. or the moze parte of them shall deme and adiudge worthy to be continued, kepte, and obeyed, shall be from thensforth kepte, obeyed, and executed within this realme, so that the kynges moste royall assent, vnder his great seale, be firste had to the same. And the residue of the sayde canons, constitucions, and ordinaunce prouinciall, whiche the kynges hyghnes, and the sayde. xxxi. persons, or the moze parte of them shall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite, abrogate, and made frustrate: shall from thensforth be voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be put in execucion within this realme. **Canons.** **Provided** alway that no canons, constitucions, or ordinaunce shall be made or put in execucion within this realme, by auctoritie of the Conuocation of the clergie, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatyue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: Any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrarye hereof not withstandinge.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that from the feast of Easter, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIIII. no manner of appeles shalbe had, prouoked, or made out of this realme, or out of any the kynges dominions, to the byshop of Rome, nor to the see of Rome, **Appeles.** **Byshop of Rome** in any causes or matters hapning to be in contencion, & hauing their commensment & beginnyng in any of the courtes within this realme, or within

in any the kynges Dominions, of what nature, condicion, or qualitie so euer they be of: but that all maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, or what cause or mattier so euer they concerne, shall bee made and had by the parties greued, or hauinge cause of appele, after suche maner, forme, and condicion, as is limited for appeles to be had and prosecuted within this realme in causes of matrimonie, tithes, oblations, and obuencions, by a statute therof made and establisshed sythen the begynnynge of this presente parliamente, and accordynge to the fourme and effecte of the sayde estatute, any vsage, custome, prescription, or any thyng or thynges to the contrary herof not withstandynge. And for lacke of Justice at or in any the courtes of the archebischoppes of this realme, or in any the kynges Dominions: it shalbe lafull to the parties greued, to appele to the kynges maiestie, in the kynges courte of Chancerie. And that ^{Chancerie.} vpon euery suche appele, a comission shalbe directed vnder the great seale to suche persons as shalbe named by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, lyke as in case of appele from the Admirall courte, to here, and ^{Admirall court.} diffinitiuely determyne suche appeales, and the causes concernynge the same. Whiche comissioners so by the kynges hyghnes, his heires, or successours, to be named or appointed, shall haue full power and auctoritee to here, and diffinitiuely determyne euery suche appele, with the causes and all circumstaunces concernynge the same: And that suche iudgemente and sentence, as the saide comissioners shall make and decree, in and vpon any suche appele, shall be good and effectuell, and also diffinitive: And no further appeles to be had or made from the sayde commissioners for the same.

¶ And if any person or persons, at any tyme after the saide feast of Easter, prouoke or sue any maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, to the sayde byshop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, or doe procure or execute any maner of processe from the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, to the derogacion or lette of the due execution of this acte, or contrarie to the same: that then euery suche person or persons (so doyng) theyr aydours, counsaylours, and abbettours, shall incurre and renne in to the daungers, peynes, and penalties conteyned and limited in the acte of Prouision and Pzemuniti, made in the .xvi. yere of the kynges moste noble progenitour, kyng Rycharde the seconde, ageynst suche as sewe to the courte of Rome, ageynste the kynges crowne and prerogatiue royall.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that al maner of prouocations and appeles hereafter to be had, made or taken from the iurisdiction of any abbottes, priours, or other heedes & gouernours of monasteries, abbeyes, priories, & other houses & places exempt, in suche cases as they were wont or moughte afore the makynge of this acte, by reason of grauntes or liberties of suche places exempt, to haue or make immediatly any appele or prouocation to the byshop of Rome, otherwise called Pope, or to the see of Rome, that in all these cases euery person or persons, hauynge cause of appele or prouocation, shall may take and make theyr appeles, and prouocations immediately

mediately to the kynges maiestie of this realme into the courte of Chauncery in lyke maner and fourme as they vsed afore to do to the see of Rome: whiche appeles and prouocacions so made, shalbe diffinitively determined by auctoritie of the kynges comission: in such maner and forme as in this acte is aboue mencioned. So that no archbishop nor byshop of this realme shall entermette or meddell with any such appeles, otherwyle, or in any other maner, then they moughte haue done afore the makynge of this acte: any thing in this act to the contrarie therof notwithstandinge. **¶** Provided also that suche canons, constitucions, ordynances, and synodals prouinciall, beinge all redy made, whiche be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes, statutes, and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges prerogatiue royall, shal nowe styll be vsed and executed as they were afore the makynge of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed, serched, or otherwyle ordered and determined by the sayd xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them, accordynge to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this present acte.

¶ An act restrayning the payment of annates, or first frutes to the bishop of Rome, and of the electynge and consecratynge of archbishops, and byshoppes within this realme. Cap. xx.

Annates.



Where sithen the beginnyng of this present parliament for represselle of the exaction of annates and fyrst frutes of archebyschopriche and bischopriche of this realme, wrongfully take by the byshop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, and the see of Rome, It is ordeyned and established by an acte amonges other thinges, that the paymentis of the annates or first frutes, and al manner contribucions for the same, for any suche archbishopriche or byshopriche, or for any bulles to be opteined from the see of Rome, to or for the said purpose or intent, shuld vtterly cesse, and no suche to be payde for any archbishopriche or bischopriche within this realme, otherwyle than in the same acte is expessed. And that no maner of person or persons to be named, elected, presented, or postulated to any archebyschopriche or byshopriche within this realme, shulde pay the sayd annates or fyrst frutes, nor any other manner of some or sommes of money, pencions, or annuities for the same, or for any other lyke exaction or cause, vpon peine to forfait to our souerayn lord the kyng, his heires, & successours, al maner his goodes & rattals for euer, & all the temporal laudes & possessions of the said archbishopriche or bischopriche, during the tyme that he or they, that shulde offend contrary to the said act, shuld haue, possede, & enioy the said archbishopriche or bischopriche. And it was further enacted, & if any pson named or presented to the See of Rome by the kynges hyghnes or his heires or successours, to be byshop of any see or dioces within this realme, shuld happen to be letted delated or deferred at the see of Rome from any suche byshopriche, wherevnto he shulde be so presented,

presented by meane of restraynte of bulles of the sayd byshoppe of Rome, otherwyle called the pope, and other thinges requisite to the same, or shuld be denied at the see of Rome, bypon conuenient suite made for anye bulles requisite for anye suche cause: that than euerye person so presented moughte or shulde be consecrated here in Englande by the archebyshoppe, in whose prouince the sayde byshoppe shal be: so alwayes that the same persone shuld be named and presented by the kyng for the tyme beyng to the sayde archbyshop. And if any person beyng named & presented (as is beforesayd) to any archbyshoppe of this realme, making conuenient suite as is aforesaid, shuld happen to be letted, delaid, deferred, or otherwise disturbed from the sayd archbishoppe, for lacke of pall, bulles, or other thinges to hym requisite to be obteyned at the see of Rome: that then euery such persone so named and presented to be archbyshop, mought & shuld be consecrated & inuested after presentacion made as is aforesayde, by any other. ii. bishoppes within this realme, whom the kynges hyghnes, or any his heires or successours, kynges of Englande, wold appoynt & assigne for the same, according and after lyke maner, as dyuers archbishops and bishops haue ben here tofore in auncient tyme by sondre the kynges moste noble progenitours made, consecrated, and inuested within this realme. And it was further enacted by the sayd act, that euery archbishop & bishop, being named & presented by the kynges highnes, his heires & successours kynges of Englad, & being consecrated & inuested, as is aforesayde, shalbe installed accorpyngly, & shuld be accepted, take, & reputed, vled & obeyd, as an archbishop or bishop of the dignitie, see, or place, wherunto he shalbe so named presented and consecrated, & as other lyke prelates of that prouince see or dioces haue be vled accepted, taken, & obeyed, whiche haue had & obteyned completly their bulles and other thinges requisite in that behalfe fro the see of Rome, and all so shuld fully and intierly haue and enioye all the spiritualties and temporalties of the sayde archbishoppe or bishoppe, in as large ample and beneficiall maner, as anye of his or theyr predecessours hadde or enioyed in the sayde archbishoppe, or bishoppe, satisfiynge and yeldynge vnto the kynges hyghnes, and to his heires, and successours, al suche duties, ryghtes, and inuestes, as befoze tyme hath ben accustomed to be payde for anye suche archbishoppe or bishoppe, accorpyng to the aunciente lawes and customes of this realme, and the kynges prouogatiue royall, as in the sayde acte amonges other thynges is moze at large mencioned.

¶ And all be it the sayde byshop of Rome, otherwile called the pope, hathe ben enformed and certified of the effectuall contentes of the said acte, to the entent that by some gentyll wayes the sayde exactions might haue benne redressed and reformed: yet neuertheles the sayde byshop of Rome hyther to hath made none answer of his mynde therein to the kynges highnes, nor deuysed or required any reasonable waies to and with our sayde soueraine lord for the same. Wherfoze his moste royall maiestie, of his moste excellent goodnes, for the welthe and profyt of this his realme and subiectes

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of the same, hath not onely put his most gracious and royall assente to the foresayde acte, but also hath ratified and confirmed the same, and euery clause and article therein conteyned, as by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale enrolled in the parliamente rolle of this presente parliamente moze at large is conteyned.

¶ And for as muche as in the sayde acte it is not playnely and certaynely expessed, in what maner and facion archebyschoppes and byschoppes shall be elected, presented, inuested, and consecrated within this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions: Be it now therfoze enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, by thassent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctozitie of the same, that the sayd act, & euery thyng therein conteined, shalbe & stande in strength vertue and effecte, except onely that no person or persons hereafter shalbe presented nominated or commended to the sayd byshop of Rome, otherwyle called the pope, or to the see of Rome, to or for the dignitie or office of anye archebysshop or bishoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, nor shall sende nor procure there for any maner of bulles, breues palles, or other thynges requisite for an archbishop or byshop, nor shal pay any sommes of money for annates, fyrst frutes, or otherwyle for expedition of any suche bulles, breues, or palles: but that by the auctozptie of this act, suche presentynge, nominatynge, or commendynge to the sayde byshop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, and suche bulles, breues, palles, annates, fyrst frutes, and euery other sommes of money heretofore lymitted, accustomed or vsed to be payde at the sayd see of Rome for procuracion or expedition of any suche bulles, breues, or palles, or other thyng concernynge the same, shall vtterly cease and no lenger bee vsed within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, any thyng conteyned in the sayde acte afoze mencioned, or anye vse, custome, or prescripcion to the contrarye thereof not withstandynge.

¶ And furthemoze be it ordeyned & establyshed by the auctozptie afozsayd that at euery auoydance of any archebyschopriche or bishopriche within this realme, or in anye other the kynges dominions: the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and successours may grant to the priour and conuent, or the deane and chapter of the cathedrale churches or monasteries, where the see of suche archbyschopriche or bishopriche shal happen to be voyde, a licence vnder the great seale, as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed, to procede to election of an archbysshop or byshop of the see so beyng voyde, with a lettre missiue, conteynynge the name of the persone, whiche they shall electe and chose. By vertue of whiche licence the sayd dean and chapter, or priour and couent, to whom any such licence and letters missiues shalbe directed, shall with al spede & celeritee, in due forme elect and chose the sayd pson named in the sayd letters missiues, to the dignitee & office of the archbyschopriche or byshopriche, so being voyde, and none other. And yf they do differre or delay their election aboue .xii. days next after suche licence & letters missiues to

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to them deliuered, that then for euery such default the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, at theyr lybertie and pleasure, shall nominate and present by theyr letters patentes vnder their great seale, suche a persone to the said office and dignitie, so beyng voyde, as they shall thinke able & conuenient for the same. And that euery suche nominacion and presentmente to be made by the kinges hyghnes, his heires and successours, if it be to the office and dignitie of a byshop, shalbe made to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince, where the see of the same bishopriche is voyde, if the see of the said archbishopriche be the ful & not voyde, & if it be voyde, then to be made to such archebyshoppe or metropolitane within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours. And if any suche nominacion or presentmente shall happen to be made for defaute of suche election to the dignitie or office of any archbyshop: then the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale shall nominate and present such persone as theyr wyl dispose to haue the sayde office and dignitie of archbishopriche beinge voyde, to one such archbyshop, and .ii. suche bishops, or els to .iii. suche bishoppes in this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, as shalbe assigned by our sayd soueraygne lord, his heires or successours.

Metropolitane.

¶ And be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that when so euer any suche presentmente or nominacion shalbe made by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, by vertue and auctoritie of this act, and accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the same: that then euery archbyshop and byshop, to whose handes any suche presentment and nominacion shalbe directed, shall with all speede & celeritie inuest and consecrate the persone nominate & presented by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours to the office and dignitie, that such person shalbe so presented vnto, & giue and vse to him pall and al other benedictions, ceremonies, & thinges requisite for the same, without suinge, procuryng, or obteyninge hereafter any bulles or other thynges at the see of Rome for anye suche office or dignitie in anye behalfe. And yf the sayde deane and chapter, or priour and conuente, after suche lycence and letters missiues to them directed within the sayd. xii. dayes, do electe and chose the sayde persone mencioned in the sayde letters missiues, accoꝝdyng to the requeste of the kynges hyghnes, his heires or successours, therof to be made by the sayde letters missiues in that behalfe: than theyr election shall stande good and effectuell to all intentes, and that the person so elected, after certificacion made of the same election, vnder the comen and couent seale of the electours to the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, shall be reputed and taken by the name of lord elected of the sayd dignitie and office, that he shalbe elected vnto: And then makynge suche othe & feautie onli to the kynges maiestie, his heires & successours, as shall be appoynted for the same, the kynges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the sayd election, if it be to the dignitie of a byshop, to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince where

Presentment.

Ceremonies.

where the see of the saide byshoppe was boide, if the see of the saide archbishop be ful & not voyde. And if it be boide, than to any other archbishop within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, requirynge and commaundyng such archbishop, to whom any suche significacion shalbe made, to confyrme the said election, and to inuest and consecrate the saide personne so elected to the office and dignitie that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym all suche benedictions, ceremonies, and other thynges requisite for the same, without any supynge, procurynge, or obteynynge any bulles, letters, or other thynges from the see of Rome for the same in any behalfe. And yf the person be elected to the office & dignitie of an archbishop, accordynge to the tenour of this acte, then after such election certified to the kynges highnes in forme aforesaide, the same persone so elected to the office and dignitie of an archbishop, shalbe reputed and taken lord elect to the saide office and dignitie of archbishop, wherunto he shal be so elected: And then after he hath made suche othe and feautie onely to the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, as shal be limited for the same, the kynges highnes, by his letters patentes vnder his grete seale, shal signifie the saide election to one archbishop and .ii. other bishops, or els to .iii. bishops within this realme, or within any other the kynges dominions, to be assigned by the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, requirynge and commaundyng the saide archbishop and bishoppes with all spede and celeritie, to confirme the same election, and to inueste and consecrate the said person, so elected to the office and dignitie, that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym all suche palle, benedictions, ceremonies, and all other thynges requisite for the same, without supynge, procurynge, or obteynynge any bulles, brefes, or other thynges at the said see of Rome, or by the auctoritie therof in any behalfe.

Palle.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery person and persons beyng hereafter chosen, elected, nominate, presented, inuested, and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any archbishop or bishop within this realme, or within any other the kynges dominions, accordynge to the fourme, tenure, and effecte of this presente acte, and supynge their temporalties out of the kynges handes, his heires or successours, as hath ben accustomed, and makynge a corporalle othe to the kynges highnes, and to none other, in fourme as is afore rcherfed, shal and may from hensforth be trononised or installed, as the case shal require, and shal haue and take their only restitution, out of the kynges handes, of all the possessions & profits spiritual & temporal belonging to the said archbishopriche or bishopriche, wherunto they shalbe so elected or presented, and shal be obeyed in all manner of thynges, accordynge to the name, tittle, degree, and dignitie, that they shalbe so chosen or presented vnto, and do and execute in euery thyng and thinges, touchynge the same, as any archbishop or bishop of this realme, without offendynge of the prerogative royall of the crowne, and the lawes and customes of this realme, mought at any tyme heretofore do.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the priour and couent of any monasterie, or deane and chapter of any cathedral church, where the see of any archbishop or bishop is within any the kynges dominions, after suche licence, as is afoze reherfed, shall be deliuered to them, procede not to election, and signifie the same accoꝝdyng to the tenour of this acte, within the space of .xx. dayes nexte after suche licence shall come to theyꝝ handes, or els if any archbishop or bishop within any the kynges dominions, after any suche election nomination or presentation shall be signified vnto them by the kynges letters patentes, shall refuse and do not confyrme, inuest, and consecrate, with all due circumstance as is aforesaide, euery suche person as shalbe so elected, nomynate or presented, and to them signified, as is aboue mencioned, within .xx. daies nexte after the kynges letters patentes of suche sygnification, or presentation shall come to theyꝝ handes: or els if any of them or any other person or persons, admitte, maynteine, allowe, obey, do, or execute any censures, excommunications, interdictions, inhibicions, or any other procelle or acte, of what nature name or qualitie so euer it be, to the contrarie or lette of dewe execution of this acte: that then euery priour and particular personne of his conuente, and euery deane and particular persone of the chapter, and euery archbishoppe, and bishoppe, and all other personnes, so offending and doyng contrarie to this acte, or any parte thereof, and theyꝝ aydours, counsaylours, and abbettours shall conne in the daungers, pynnes, and penalties of the estatute of the Prouision and premunire, made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thyrde, and in the .xvi. yere of kyng Rycharde the seconde.

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An acte concernynge the exoneracion of the kynges subiectis from exactions and impositions here to foze payde to the see of Rome: and for hauyng licences and dispensacions within this realme without seuyng further for the same. Capitulo. xxi.



Most humbly besechen your most royall maiestie your obedient and faithfull subiectes, the commons of this your present parliament assembled by your moste dreadde commaundement: That where your subiectes of this your realme, and of other countreys and dominions beynge vnder your obeyssaunce, by many yeres past haue ben and yet be greatly decayde and impouerished by suche intollerable exactions of great summes of money, as haue ben claimes and taken, and yet continually be claimed to be taken out of this your realme, and other your sayde countreys and dominions by the bishop of Rome, called the pope, & the see of Rome, as wel in pencions, sences, peter pence, procuracions, fruites, suites for prouisions and expedicions of bulg for archbishopriche, and bishopriche, and for delegacies, and rescriptes

in causes of contentions and appeles, iurisdiccions legatine, and also for dispensacions, licences, faculties, grauntis, relaxacions, wittes called *Per inde valere*, rehabilitacions, abolicions, and other infinit sortes of buls, bzeues, & instrumentes of sondy natures names & kyndes in great nombres heretofore practised and opteyned, otherwyle than by the lawes, laudable vses & customes of this realme shuld be permitted, the specialities wherof ben ouerlonge, large in nombze, and tedious here particularly to be inserted. Wherin the byshop of Rome aforesaydc, hath not ben onely to be blamed, for his vsurpacion in the pzeuises, but also for his abusynge and begglynge your subiectes, pzetendynge and perswadyng to theym, that he hath full power to dispence with all humayne lawes, vses, and customes of all realmes, in all causes, whiche be called spirituall. Whiche mattier hath bene vsurped and practised by hym and his pzedecessours by manye yeres, in great derogacion of your imperiall crowne and auctozitie royall, contrarie to ryght and conscience. For where this your graces realme, recognisyng no superiour vnder god but onely your grace hath ben and is free from subiection to any mans lawes, but onely to suche as haue bene deuised, made, and ordeyned within this realme for the welth of the same, or to suche other, as by sufferance of your grace and your progenitours, the people of this your realme haue taken at theyr free lybertie by theyr owne consente to be vsed amonges them, and haue bounde them selues by longe vse & custome to the obseruance of the same, not as to the obseruance of the lawes of any fozein pzince, potetate, or prelate: but as to the customed & anciēt lawes of this realme, originally established, as lawes of the same, by the saide suffraunce, cōsentes, & custome, & none otherwise. It stādeth therfore with naturall equitee and good reasō, that in all and euery such lawes humayne, made within this realme, or induced into this realme by the saide sufferance, consentes, and custome: your royall maiestie, and your lordes spirituall and tempozalle, and commons, representynge the holl state of your realme, in this your moste hygh courte of parliamente, haue full power and auctozitie, not onely to dispence, but also to auctozise some electe person or persons, to dispence with those and all other humayne lawes of this your realme, and with euery one of theym, as the qualitie of the persons and matter shall require. And also the saide lawes and euery of them, to abrogate, adnul, amplifie, or diminish, as it shalbe sene vnto your maiestie, and the nobles and cōmons of your realme, present in your parlyament, mete & conuenient for the welth of your realme: as by dyuers good and holsome actes of parliamentes, made and establyshed, as well in your tyme, as in the tyme of your moste noble progenitours, it maie playnely and euidently appere. And bycause that it is nowe in these dayes present, sene that the state, dignitie, superiortee, reputacion, and auctozitie of the sayde imperiall crowne of this realme, by the longe sufferance of the sayde vnrasonable and vncharitable vsurpacions and exactions, practised in the tymes of your moste noble progenitours, is moche and soze decayde,
and

and diminished, and the people of this realme therby impouerished, and so
or worse be lyke to continue, if remedie be not therfore shortly provided.

It may therfore please your moste noble maiestie, for the honour of al-
myghty god, and for the tender loue, zeale, and affection, that ye beate and
always haue borne to the welthe of this your realme, and subiectes of the
same, for as muche as your maieste is supreme heed of the churche of En-
glande, as the prelates and clergie of your realme, representynge the saide
churche in theyr Synodes and conuocations haue recognised: in whome
consisteth full power and auctorite vpon al suche lawes as haue ben made
& vsted within this realme: to ordeine and enact by the assent of your lordes
spiritual & tempoꝛal, and the commons in this your present parliament as-
sembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons of this your
realme, or of any other your dominions, shal from hensforth pay any pen-
sions, censures, portions, peterpence, or any other impositions to the vse of
the said byshop, or of the see of Rome, like as heretofore they haue vsted, by
vsurpacion of the said bishop of Rome, and his predecessours, and sufferance
of your highnes and your most noble progenitours to do, but that all suche
pensions, censures, portions, and peterpence, whiche the said bishop of Rome,
otherwise called the pope, hath heretofore taken and perceiued, or caused to
be taken and perceiued to his vse & his chambres, whiche he calleth aposto-
like, by vsurpacion & sufferance, as is abouesaide, within this your realme
or any other your dominions, shal from hens forth the clerely surcesse, and
neuer moze be leuied, taken, perceiued, nor paide to any person or persons
in any maner of wyse, any constitucion, vse, prescription, or custome to the
contrarie therof not withstanding.

Peter
pence.

Bishop
of Rome

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that neyther your
highnes, your heires, nor successours kynges of this realme, nor any your
subiectes of this realme, nor of any other your dominions, shal from hens
forth leue to the saide byshoppe of Rome, called the pope, or to the see of
Rome, or to any person or persons, hauinge or pretending any auctoritie
by the same, for licences, dispensacions, impositions, faculties, grauntes,
rescriptes, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytynges, of what
kynde, name, nature, or qualitee so euer they be of, for any cause or matter:
for the whiche any licence, dispensacion, composicion, facultie, graunt,
rescripte, delegacie, instrument, or other wrytynge heretofore hath ben vsted
and accustomed to be had and opteyned at the see of Rome, or by auctori-
tie therof, or of any prelate of this realme: nor for any maner of other li-
cences, dispensacions, composicions, faculties, grauntes, rescriptis, dele-
gacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytynges, that in causes of neces-
sitye may laufully be granted without offendynge of the holy scriptures
and lawes of god: But that from hensforth euery suche licence, dispen-
sacion, composicion, facultie, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, and
other wrytynge afoze named and mencioned, necessarie for your highnes,
your heires or successours, and your and their people and subiectes, vpon
the

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burie.

Seale.

Dispen-
sations.

Delega-
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Composi-
tions.
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ties.

the dewe examinacions of the causes and qualitties of the persons procur-
tyng suche dispensacions, licences, composicions, faculties, grauntes,
rescriptis, delegacies, instrumentes, or other wrytinges, shalbe graunted,
hadde, and obteyned from tyme to tyme, within this your realme, and other
your Dominions, and not els where, in maner and fourtme folowinge and
none other wise: that is to saye, the archbyshop of Canturburie, for the tyme
beinge, and his successours, shal haue power and auctorite from tyme to
tyme, by their discrecions, to geue, graunt, and dispose by an instrument,
vnder the seale of the saide archbyshoppe, vnto your maiestie, and to your
heires and successours, kynges of this realme, as well all maner suche li-
cences, dispensacions, composicions, faculties, grauntes, rescriptes, dele-
gacies, instrumentes, and all other wrytinges for causes not beinge contra-
rie or repugnāt to the holy scriptures and lawes of god, as heretofore hath
ben vsed, and accustomed to be had and obteyned by your highnes, or any
your moste noble progenitours, or any of yours or their subiectes, at the
see of Rome: or any person or persons by auctoritee of the same: and all other
licences, dispensacions, faculties, composicions, grauntes, rescriptes, de-
legacies, instrumentes, and other wrytinges, in, for, and vpon all suche
causes and matters, as shalbe conuenient and necessarie to be had, for the
honour and surtie of your highnes, your heires, and successours, and the
welthe and profyte of this your realme: So that the saide archbyshop, or any
his successours, in no maner wise shal graunt any dispensacion, licence, re-
script, or any other wrytyng afoze reherfed, for any cause or matter repu-
gnant to the lawe of almyghty god.

Licences.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the saide archbyshop and
his successours, after good and due examinacion by them had, of the causes
and qualitties of the persons procurtyng for licences, dispensacions, com-
posicions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentes, or other wrytyn-
ges, shal haue full power and auctorite by them selfe, or by their sufficient
and substanciall commissarie or deputie by theyr discrecions from tyme to
tyme, to graunt and dispose by an instrument vnder the name and seale of
the saide archbyshop, as wel to any of your subiectes, as to the subiectes of
your heires and successours, all maner licences, dispensacions, faculties,
composicions, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or other wrytynges for
any suche cause or matter, wherof heretofore suche licences, dispensacions,
composicions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or wrytinges,
haue bene accustomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by auctorite ther-
of, or of any prelate of this realme. And that the saide archbyshop and his
commissarie shal not graunte any other licence, dispensacion, composici-
on, facultie, wrytinge, or instrumente in causes vnwonted and not accusto-
med to be had or obteyned at the Courte of Rome, nor by auctorite therof,
nor by any prelate of this realme, vntyll your grace, your heires, or suc-
cessours, or your or their counsaile shal fyrst be aduertised therof, and de-
termine whether suche licences, dispensacions, composicions, faculties, or
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other wrytinges in suche causes vnwont and not accostomed to be dispensed withall, or obteyned, shall commonly passe as other dispensacions, faculties, or other wrytynges, shall or no: vpon payne that the graunters of euery suche licence, dispensacion, or wrytyng in suche causes vnwont, contrarie to this acte, shall make fine at the wyl and pleasure of your grace, your heires & successours. And if it be thought & determined by your grace, your heires or successours, or your or theyr counsaile, that dispensacions, faculties, licences, or other wrytynges in any suche cause vnwont, shall passe: then the sayde archebysshop or his commissarie, hauing licence of your highnes, your heires, or successours for the same, by your or their byl assygned, shall dispenche with them accordyngly.

Provided always, that no maner of dispensacions, licences, faculties, or other rescriptes or wrytynges hereafter to be graunted to any person or persons by vertue or auctorite of this acte, by the sayde archebysshoppe, or his commissarie, beinge of suche importance, that the taxe for the expedition therof at Rome, extended to the summe of foure poundes or aboue, shall in any wise be putte in execution, tyll the same licence, dispensacion, facultie, rescript, or other wrytyng, of what name or nature so euer it be of, be fyrste confirmed by your highnes, your heires, or successours, kinges of this realme, vnder the great seale, and inrolled in your Chauncery in a rolle by a clerke to be appoynted for the same: And that this acte shall be sufficiente warrante to the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beinge, or to hym, whome your grace, your heires or successours shall depute to be keeper of the greatte Seale, to conspyme in your name, your heires, or successours the foresayde wrytynges, passed vnder the sayde archebysshops seale, by letters patentes in due forme therof to be made vnder your great seale, remittynge as well the sayd wrytyng, vnder the archebysshops seale, as the sayde confirmation vnder the great seale, to the parties from tyme to tyme procuryng for the same. And that all suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, and other rescriptes and wrytynges, for the expedition of the whiche the sayde taxes to be payde at Rome, was vnder. iiii. li. which be matiers of no great importance, shall passe only by the archbishops seale, & shall not of any necessity be confirmed by the great seale, ones the procurers of suche licence, facultie, or dispensacion, desire to haue them so confirmed: In which case they shall pay for the sayd great seale, to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours. v. s. sterlinges, and not aboue, ouer and besyde suche taxe as shall be hereafter limited for the makynge, wrytinge, registryng, confirmynge, and inrollynge of suche licences confirmacions & wrytynges, vnder the said taxe of. iiii. li. And that euery suche licence, dispensacion, composicion, facultie, rescript, and wrytyng, of what name or nature so euer it be, for suche causes as the taxe was wonte to be. iiii. li. or aboue, so granted by the archebysshop, and confirmed vnder the great seale, and all other licences, dispensacions, faculties, rescriptes, and wrytinges hereafter to be granted by the archbysshop

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by vertue & auctoritee of this acte, wherevnto the great seale is not limited of necessitee to be put to, by reason that the tax of them is vnder .iiii. li. shalbe accepted, approued, allowed, and admitted good & effectuell in the lawe, in all places, courtes, and iurisdiccions, as well spirituall as temporal within this realme, and els where within your dominions, and as beneficiall to the persons obteynng the same, as they shuld haue ben, if they had bene opteyned with all thynges requisite, of the See of Rome, or of any other persone by auctorie thereof, without anye reuocation or repeale hereafter to be had of any such licences, dispensacions, faculties, rescriptes or writynges, of what nature so euer they be. And that all children procreated after solempnisation of any mariages to be hadde or done by vertue of such licences or dispensacions, shall be adimitted, reputed, and taken legitimate in all courtes, as well spirituall as temporal, and in all other places, & inherite the inheritance of theyr parentes & ancestours within this your realme, and all other your dominions, accoꝝdyng to the lawes and customes of the same: and all actes to be doen, had, or executed accoꝝdyng to the tenour of suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, writynges, or other instrumentes to be made or graunted by auctorie of this acte, shall be firme, permanente, and remayne in force: any foꝝeyne lawes, constitucions, decrees, canons, decretalles, inhibicions, vse, custome, prescription, or anye other thyng hadde, or hereafter to bee made to the contrarie, not withstandinge.

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And be it further enacted, that the sayde archbysshop and his successours shall haue power and auctorytie to ordeyne, make, and constitute a clerke, whiche shall write & regestꝛe euery such licence, dispensacion, facultie, writing, or other instrument to be graunted by the sayd archebysshop, and shall fynde parchment, waxe, and silken laces conuenient foꝝ the same, and shall take foꝝ his peynes suche summes of money as shall be here after in this presente acte to hym limited in that behalfe foꝝ the same. And that lyke wyse your grace, your heires & successours, shall by your letters patentes, vnder your great seale, ordeyne depute and constitute one sufficient clerke, being learned in the court of the Chauncerie, whiche alwaies shall be attendant vpon the lord Chauncellour, or the lord keeper of the great seale, foꝝ the time beinge, and shall make write and entolle the confirmacions of all suche licences, dispensacions, instrumentes, and other writynges, as shall be thither brought vnder the archebysshops seale, there to be confirmed and enrolled: And shall also intitle in his booke and entoll of recoꝝde suche other writynges, as thither shall be brought vnder the archbysshops seale not to be confirmed, taking foꝝ his peynes suche reasonable summes of money, as here after by this acte to hym shall be limited foꝝ the same. And that as well the sayde clerke appoynted by the sayde archebysshop, as the sayde clerke to be appoynted by your highnes, your heires, or successours, shall subscribe theyr names to euery suche licence, dispensacion, facultie, or other writyng, that shall come to theyr handes to be written, made, graunted, sealed, con-

confyrmmed, registred, and entrolled by auctorytee of this acte, in fourme as is befoze reherfed.

¶ AND for as moche as the charges of obteinyng the sayde licences, dispensacions, faculties, and other rescriptes or wyptynges afoze named, at the courte of Rome, by the losses and exchaunges, & in conductyng of curours, and wageinge sollicitours, to sue for any suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, instrumentis, and other rescriptes or wyptynges, haue be greuous & exressiue to your people, & many tymes greater sommes haue ben demanded for the spedy expedicion in the courte of Rome, then be expessed in the olde taxe, lymytted to be payde for the sayd expedicions, wher by your people hath ben brought to an incerteyntee vpon the payment for expedicions of suche thynges, and by reason therof haue ben constreyned to pay moze then they were wont to do, to the great unpouertyshyng of this realme, as is afoze sayd. And some tymes the spedying of suche dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other wyptynges at Rome, haue ben so longe differred, that the parties labouryng for the same, haue suffred great incommodities and losse for lacke of quicke spede, which here after maye be had within this your realme, to the great cōmoditie of your people. Wherby the charges of makynge exchanges, conductyng of curours and sollicitours for the sayd dyspensacions, shalbe abated, and your people so moche releued and eased, to thentent that all ambiguitee and incerteyntee of paymentes for dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes & wyptynges may be taken away, that no fraude or exaction shalbe exercised by your people, by suche offycers as shalbe apoynted by this acte, to take paynes in spedying such dispensacions, faculties, and licences, but that your people may be sure and certayne, what they be appoynted to pay for the same: Be it enacted by this present parliament, & the by auctorytee of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawen & made of one tenuor: in which shalbe conteyned the taxes of all customable dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other wyptynges, wonte to be spedde at Rome, whiche bokes and euery lefe of those bokes, and bothe sides of euery lefe, shalbe subscribed by the archbyshop of Canturburie, the lord chauncellour of Englande, the lord Treasurer of England, and the two chiefe Justices of both benches for the tyme bepyng: to the whiche bokes all suters for dispensacions, faculties, licences, & other wyptynges afoze reherfed, shal haue recourse, if they require it. And one of the sayd bokes shal remayne in the handes of hym, whiche shalbe appoynted to be register and scribe of the said dyspensacions, faculties & licences, vnder the said archbyshop of Canturburie, in fourme as is befoze sayd: And the other boke shal remayne with the clerke of the Chauncerie, whiche by your grace, your heyres, or successours shal be apoynted, as is befoze reherfed. Whiche clerke of the Chauncerie shal also intitule and note particularly and dayly in his boke, ordeyned for that purpose, the nombze and qualitee of the dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes and wyptynges, which shalbe sealed onely with the seale of the

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the said archebysshop: and also whiche shalbe sealed with the said seale, and confirmed with the great seale, in fourme as is befoze sayd, that al fraude and conselement in this behalfe may be auoyded.

¶ AND be it enacted, by this pzeent parliament, & by thauctozite of the same, that no man supnge foꝛ dispensacions, faculties, licences, oꝛ other rescriptes oꝛ wꝛytinges, whiche were wont to be sped at Rome, shall pay any moze foꝛ theyꝛ dispensacions licences oꝛ rescriptis, then shall be conteyned, taxed, and limited in the sayde duplicate boke of taxes: onely composicions excepted, of which being arbitrarie no tax can be made: wherfoze the tax therof shall be set & limited by the discrecion of the said archbishop of Canturburie, and the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, oꝛ the loꝛde keeper of the great seale, foꝛ the tyme beyng. And that suche as shall exacte oꝛ receyue of any suiter moze foꝛ any dispensacion, facultie, oꝛ licence then shall be conteyned in the saide boke of taxes, shall foꝛfayte tenne times so moche, as he shall so extoꝛcionsly exact and receyue: The one halfe of the whiche foꝛfayture to be to the vse of your grace, your heires, oꝛ successours, and the other halfe therof to be to such of your subiectes as wil sue foꝛ the same by action, bil, oꝛ playnt in any of your graces courtes, wherin the defendāt shall haue none essoen noꝛ pꝛotectiō allowed, neither shall be admitted to wage his lawe.

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sacions.** BE IT also enacted by this parliament and auctozite of the same, that the tax oꝛ summe appoynted to be payde foꝛ euery suche dispensacion, licence, facultee, instrument, rescripte, oꝛ other wꝛyting to be graunted by auctozite of this acte, shall be employed and oꝛdered, as here after ensueth: that is to say, If the tax extende to. iiii. li. oꝛ aboue, by reason wherof the dispensacion, licence, facultie, rescripte, oꝛ wꝛytinge, whiche shall passe by the saide archebysshoppes seale, must be confirmed by thappension of the greatte seale: then the sayde tax so extendynge to. iiii. li. oꝛ aboue, shall be deuyled in to. iii. partes, wherof two shall be perceiued by the sayde clerke of the Chauncerie to be appoynted, as is afozelsayde, to the vse of your highnes, your heyes, and successours, and to the vse of the loꝛde Chauncellour, oꝛ the keeper of the great seale, foꝛ the tyme beyng, and to the vse of the sayde clerke, in such wyse as hereafter shall be declared: And the thyrde parte shall be taken by the sayde clerke of the archebysshoppe, to the vse of the same archebysshoppe and his commissarye and his sayde clerke and register, in such wise as hereafter shall be oꝛdered and limited by this acte: That is to saye, The sayde two partes shall be deuyled in foure partes, of which thre parties shall be taken to the onely vse of your highenes, your heyes, and successours: and the fourthe parte shall be deuyled in thre partes, wherof the chauncellour of Englande, oꝛ loꝛde keeper of the great seale, foꝛ the tyme beyng, shall haue two partes, and the sayde clerke of the Chauncerie the thyrde parte foꝛ his peynes, tra- uayle, and labours, that he is lymitted to wꝛite and doo by vertue of this acte. And the sayde thirde parte of the hole tax, appoynted to the

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sayde archbyschoppe and his officers (as is afoze saide) shall be deuyded in to thre partes, wherof the archebyschoppe shall haue to his vse two partis, and his officers shall haue the thyrde part thereof: of whiche thyrde parte to be deuyded in two partes, the sayde clerke or register, whiche shall fynde parchemente, waxe, and sylke, and shall deuyse and wyte the sayd dispensacions, licences, faculties, rescriptes, or other wrytinges, and registre the same, shall haue for his saide labour, and for receyuyng and repayenge of the summes of moneye, that shall comine to his handes for dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes afozesaide, the one moytie therof, and the commissarie of the saide archbyschoppe, appoynted to seale the saide dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes, shall haue the other parte. And if the taxe be vnder foure. li. and not vnder. xl. s. then the saide taxe shall be deuyded into thre partis, as is afozesaide, wherof the kynges highnes, his heires, and successours shall haue. ii. partis: wherof abating iii. s. iiii. d. whiche shall be to the saide clerke of the Chancery, for subscribing and entrollyng the saide dispensacions, licences, faculties, rescriptes, and other wrytinges afozesaide, and receyuyng of the kynges moneye so taxed: And the archebyschoppe and his officers shall haue the thyrde parte, which thirde parte shall be deuyded into two partes, wherof the archebyschoppe shall haue the one entierly to hym selfe, his scribe and commissarie shall haue the other parte thereof, egally to be deuyded amonges them for their costes and paynes in that behalfe. And if the taxe be vnder forty shyllinges, and not vnder. xxvi. shyllinges eight pence, the same taxe shall be deuyded in to two partes, wherof the one parte shall be to your grace, your heires, and successours, deductyng therof. ii. s. for the clerke of the chancery, for his paynes, as is afozesaide: And the other part shall be to the saide archebyschop and his officers, whiche other parte shall be deuyded in to. ii. partis, wherof the archebyschop shall haue the one, and his commissarie and scribe shall haue the other egally deuyded amonges them. And if the taxe be vnder. xxvi. s. viii. d. and not vnder. xx. s. the same shall be deuyded in two partis, wherof your grace, your heires, and successours shall haue the one parte entierly, abatyng. ii. s. therof to the saide clerke of the chancery: and the archebyschop and his officers shall haue the other parte, and the same other parte shall be deuyded in to thre partes, wherof the archebyschoppe shall haue one, his commissarie the seconde, and his scribe or register the thyrde. And in case the taxe be vnder. xx. s. the same shall be perceyued to the vse of the sayde commissarie, clerke of the saide archebyschop, and clerke of the chancery, to be egally deuyded amongst them for their paynes and labours by them to be susteyned by auctoritie of this acte, as is afoze saide.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte shall not be prejudiciall to the archebyschoppe of yorke or to any byschoppe or prelate of this realme: but that they may laufully (not withstanding this acte) dispence in all cases, in whiche they were wont to dispence by the common lawe or custome of this realme afoze

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¶ Provided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if it hap-
pen the see of the archbishopricke of Cantuarburie to be voide, that then all
suche maner licences, dispensacions, faculties, instrumentes, rescriptis,
and other writings, whiche may be graunted by vertue and auctoritie of
this acte, shall (durynge the vacacion of the same See) be had, done, and
graunted vnder the name and seale of the gardiane of the spiritualties of
the saide archbishopricke for the tyme beinge, accorpyng to the tenour and
fourme of this acte, and shall be of like force, value, and effecte, as if they
hadde bene graunted vnder the name and seale of the archebysshop for the
tyme beinge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if the foresaide archebysshop of Cantuar-
burie (for the tyme beinge) or the saide gardian of the spiritualties, for the
tyme beinge, hereafter refuse or deme to grant any lycences, dispensacions,
faculties, instrumentes, or other writings, whiche they be auctorised to do
by vertue and auctorite of this act, in suche maner and forme as is afore re-
membred, to any person or persons, that ought of a good, iuste, and reason-
able cause to haue the same, by reason wherof this present act by their wil-
fulnes, neglygence, or defaulte, shulde take none effecte: than the Chan-
cellour of Englande, or the lord keper of the great seale, for the tyme be-
ing, vpon any complaynte therof made, shall directe the kynges wytte
to the saide archbysshop or gardian, denienge or refusynge to graunte such
licences, dispensacions, faculties, or other writings, intopyng hym by
the saide wytte, vpon a certayne peyne therin to be lymitted by the discre-
cion of the saide chauncellour, or keper of the great seale, that he shall in
due forme graunt such licence, dispensacion, facultie, or other writinge,
accorpyng to the requeste of the procurers of the same: or els signifie vnto
your highnes, your heires or successours in the courte of Chauncerie,
at a certayn date, for what occasion or cause he refused and denied to grant
suche licences, faculties, or dispensacions. And if it shall appere to the
saide Chauncellour, or lord keper of the great seale, vpon such certificat,
that the cause of refusall or denyall of grauntynge suche licences, facultie,
or dispensacion was reasonable, iuste, and good: that then so beinge pro-
ued by due serche and examination of the saide Chauncellour, or lord ke-
per of the great seale, to be admitted and allowed. And if it shall appere
vpon the saide certificat, that the saide archebysshoppe or gardiane of
the spiritualties, for the tyme beinge, of wylfulnes, in contempnyng
the dewe execution of this acte, withoute a iuste and reasonable cause, re-
fused or denied to graunte such licence, facultie, or dispensacion: that
then your hyghnes, your heires and successours, beinge thereof infor-
med, after due examination had, that suche licences, faculties, or dispen-
sacions may be graunted, without offendynge the holy scriptures and la-
wes of god, shall haue power and auctoritie in euery such case, for the de-
faulte, neglygence, and wylfulnes of the saide archbysshop, or gardiane, to
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sende your writte of Injunction, vnder your great seale, out of your sayde ^{Intance} court of Chauncerie, commaundyng the archbishop or gardian, that so ^{tion,} shall denie or refuse to grant such licence, facultie, or dispensacion, to make sufficient graunt therof, accoꝝdyng to the tenour and effecte of this acte, by a certayne day, and vnder a certaine peyne in the laide writte to be contained, and to be limited by your hyghnes, your heyres or successours, kynges of this realme. And if the laide archebishop or gardiane, after the receypte of the laide writte, refuse or denie to graunt suche licences, faculties, or dispensacions, as shall be intopgned hym by vertue of the sayde writte, and shewe and proue befoze your maiestie, your heyres, or successours, no iuste or reasonable cause, why he shoulde so doo: then the sayde archbishoppe, or gardiane, that so shall refuse to put this acte in execution, accoꝝdyng to the sayde writte of Injunction, shall suffre, lose, and forsaite to your hyghnes, your heyres, and successours, suche peyne and penaltie, as shalbe limited and expessed in the sayde writte of Injunction. And ouer that it shalbe lawfull to your highnes, your heires, and successours for euery suche defaulte and wylfulnes of the laide archebishoppe or gardiane, for the tyme beyng, to geue power and auctoritie by commission, vnder your great seale, to suche two spirituall prelates or persons to be named by your highnes, your heires or successours, as woll doo and graunt suche licences, faculties, and dispensacions, refused or denied to be graunted by the sayde archebishop, or gardian, in contempte of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctoritie afoze sayde, that the sayde two spirituall prelates or persones, to whom in suche cases, any suche commission shalbe directed, shall haue power and auctoritie to grant euery such licence, facultie, dispensacion, instrument, and other writings so refused to be graunted by the laide archbishop or gardian, for the tyme beyng, by an instrumente vnder theyr seales, takynge lyke fees and charges for the same as is befoze rehersted, and not aboue, vnder the peynes afoze remembred. And that euery suche licence, facultie, and dispensacion, so graunted for any cases or matters, wherunto any confirmation vnder the kynges great seale is appoynted by this acte, to be had in maner and forme aboue declared, shall be had and obteyned accoꝝdyngely. And suche licences and confirmacions shalbe had for lyke fees and charges, as they ar aboue specified, and not aboue, vnder the peynes aboue mencioned. And that euery suche licence, facultie, dispensacion, and other writinge to be graunted by the sayde prelates or persons to be assigned by the kynges hyghnes, his heires, and successours, as is afozesaide, shalbe of as good value, strength, and effecte, and as beneficiall and profitable to the persones procurynge the same, as if they had ben made graunted and obteyned vnder the name and seale of the laide archebishop.

¶ Provided alwaies that this act nor any thinge or thinges therein conteined, shalbe hereafter interpreted or expounded, that your grace, your nobles, & subiectes intēde by the same to declpne or vary from the congregacion of Christes

Christes church, in any thynges concernyng the veray articles of the Catholike feythe of cristendome, or in any other thinges declared by holpe of the fith scripture & the word of god necessary for your & theyr saluacions: but only to make an ordenance by policies necessarie & conuenient to repressse vice, and for good conseruacion of this realme in peace, vnitee, & tranquillitee, from rauine and spoyle, inseywng moche the olde aunciente customes of this realme in that behalfe: Not myndyng to seke for anye relefes, succours, or remedies for any worldly thynges and humayne lawes, in any cause of necessitee, but within this realme at the handes of your hyghnes, your heytres, and successours kynges of this realme, whiche haue & ought to haue an imperial power and auctoztee in the same, and not obliged in any worldly causes to any other superiour.

Prouided alwaye that the sayde archebishop of Caunturburie, or anye other persone or persones, shall haue no power or auctoztie by reason of this act, to visite or vexe any monasteries, abbeyes, priories, colleges, hospitals, houses, or other places religious, which be or were exempte before the makyng of this acte: any thyng in this act to the contrarie therof not withstandyng: but that redresse, visitacion, and confirmation shalbe had by the kynges hyghnes, his heires, and successours by comission vnder the great seale to be directed to suche persones, as shall be appoynted requisite for the same, and suche monasteries, colleges, hospitals, priories, houses and places religious exempt. So that no visitacion nor confirmation shall from henceforth be had nor made, in or at any suche monasteries, colleges hospitalles, priories, houses and places religious exempte by the saide byshoppe of Rome, nor by any of his auctoztee, nor by any out of the kynges dominions. Nor that any person religious, or other resiant in any the kynges dominions, shall from henceforth departe out of the kynges dominions, to or for any visitacion, congregacion, or assemble for religion: but that all suche visitacions, congregacions, and assemblies shalbe with in the kynges dominions.

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Prouided also, that this presente acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, or any licence or dispensaciō hereafter to be made by vertue and auctoritee therof, shall not extende to the repeale or derogacion of the late acte made with the beginnyng of this present parlyament, for refozmacion of pluralities of benefices, and for none residences of spirituall persons vpon theyr dignitees or benefices, nor to anye thyng conteyned or mencioned in the sayde acte. Nor that this acte, nor any thyng to be done by auctozitee therof, shall not be taken, expounded, nor interpreted, to geue licence to any person or persons, to haue any more nōbre of benefices, then is limited in the sayde acte. And that the same acte for pluralitees, and none residences of benefices, & euery thyng therein contained shall stande good & effectual to all intentes, accor dyng to the true meanyng therof: any thyng in this presente acte, or any licence or dispensacion to be had by auctozitee therof in any wyle not withstandyng.

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And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, subiecte or resiant within this realme, or within any of the kynges dominions, at any tyme hereafter sue to the courte of Rome, or the sea of Rome, or to any person, claiminge to haue his auctoritie by the same, for any lycence, facultie, dispensacion, or other thyng or thynges contrarie to this acte, or put in execution, any lycence, facultie or dispensacion, or any other thyng or thynges hereafter to be obtayned from Rome, or the sea of Rome, or from any clampinge auctoritie by the same, for any of the causes aboue mencioned in this acte, or for any other causes that maye be graunted by auctorite of this acte, or attempte or do any thyng or thynges contrarie to this acte, or in any wyse, allowe, admytte, or obeye any maner of censures, excommunicacions, interdictions, or any other proces from Rome, of what name or nature so euer it be, to the derogacion or lette of the execution of this acte, or of any thyng or thynges to be done by reason of the sayde acte: that then euery suche person or persons so doynge, offendinge, and beinge therof conuyct, theyr aydoours, counsaylours, and abettours shal incurre and renue in to the peyne, losse and penaltee compysed and specified in the act of Prouision and Preamunition, made in the sixtene yere of your moste noble progenitour kyng Richard the seconde, against suche that sue to the Courte of Rome, against your Crowne and dignitie royal.

Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thyng therein contayned shal not hereafter be taken or expounded to the derogacion or takynge awaye of any grantis or confirmacions of any liberties, priuileges, or iurisdiction of any monasteries, abbeyes, priories, or other houses or places exempte, which heretofore the makynge of this acte, hath bene obtayned at the sea of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, but that euery suche graunte and confirmation shal be of the same value, force, and effecte, as they were afore the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben made. Prouided alwayes, that the abbottis, priours, and other chiefe rulers, and gouernours of such monasteries, abbeyes, priories, and other houses and places exempt, shal not hereafter paye any pension, portion, or other cense to the Sea of Rome, nor admit or accept any visitacion nor any confirmation from or by the sayde sea of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, of or for any person to be elected named or presented to be heades of any such monasteries, abbeyes, priories places or houses exempt: nor shal make any corporal othe to the bishop of Rome, other wyse called the pope, vpon the paynes limited in this acte: But that euery suche visitacion and confirmation of suche heades electe in any suche monasteries, abbeyes, priories, houses, or places exempt, where after theyr election they were bounden to haue and obeye any confirmation of theyr election, or of the person named, presented or electe, shal be from henceforth had, made, and done within this realme, at and with in euery suche abbeyes, monasteries, priories, and other houses and places exempt by suche person and persons as shal be appoynted by auctoritie of

the kynges commission from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require, and not by the See of Rome, nor by auctoritie therof, any thing in this next p[ro]viso above specified to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that in suche monasteries, abbeyes, p[ri]ories, and houses exempte, where after election, p[re]sentation, or nomination of their heades, no suche confirmation is requisite to be had, nor hath bene vied to be taken by reason of suche p[ri]uileges as they haue concernynge the same, that in euery suche monasteries, abbeyes, p[ri]ories, and places exempte, they shall not be bounden to obteyne haue or take any confirmation for the same within this realme, by auctoritie of this acte, but vse theyr p[ri]uileges therein, as they haue done befoze the makinge of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or any the p[ro]visos nexte above rehersted, to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

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Provided also and be it enacted, that this acte or any thinge or thynges worde or wordes therein, or in the p[re]amble therof mencioned or conteyned, is not intended or mente, nor shall be expounded nor interprete, that any dispensacions, lycences or confirmacions for mariages graunted to any the kynges subiectes, bozne vnder his obeyssaunce, at any tyme befoze the .xii. date of Marche, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIII. shalbe appeyred or of any lesse value, strengthe, force, or effecte, than they were, at the saide .xii. date of Marche. Nor that this acte, or any thinge therein contained, shall not extende to the derogacion, appeyrynge, or adnullacion of any lycences, dispensacions, confirmacions, faculties, or indulgences at any tyme befoze the sayde .xii. date of Marche, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIII. had or obtained at the See of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, to or for any subiectes bozne in this realme, or in anie the kynges dominions, or to or for the hospytall of the p[ri]our of sainte Iohns Ierusalem in Englande, or any cōmandres or mēbres therof, or to or for any other cathedrall churches, hospitals, monasteries, abbeyes, p[ri]ories, colleges, conuentuall churches, parochiall churches, chappels, fraternities, brotherheades or bodie polityke within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions: but that euery suche licence, dispensacion, confirmation, facultie and indulgence, graunted befoze the saide .xii. date of Marche to any suche subiecte, or to the sayde hospittall of the p[ri]our of sainte Iohns Ierusalem in Englande, and commandres and membres therof, or to any other cathedrall churche, hospitall, monastrie, abbeye, p[ri]orie, college, churche conuentuall, parochiall churche, chappel, fraternitie, brotherhead, or body polityke, or to theyr predecessours, or auncetours within this realme, or in anie other the kynges dominions, shall bee of the same force, strengthe, value, and effecte, and maie be from tyme to tyme put in execution at all tymes hereafter by and to them that wyl vse and haue the same, as they moughte haue bene afore the makinge of this acte, and as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thinge in the said acte to the contrarie hereof notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaies, that suche licences, dispensacions, confirmacions, or faculties heretofore obtained at the See of Rome, or by auctoritie thereof, contrarie to the expresse provisions of the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made, shall not at any tyme hereafter be vsed or putte in execution in any case to the derogacion or contrarie to the sayde lawes and statutes of this realme, and the provisions of the same: Anye thyng in this Prouiso to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kyng our soueraigne lord, by the aduise of his honorable counsaile, shall haue power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, for the orderinge redresse and reformation of all maner of Indulgences and priuileges therof within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions heretofore obtained at the see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, and of the abuses of suche indulgences and priuileges therof, as shall seme good holsome and reasonable for the honour of god and weale of his people: And that suche order and redresse, as shall be taken by his highnes in that behalfe, shall be obserued and firmly kepte vpon the paynes lymitted in this acte for the offending of the contentes of the same.

An acte declarynge the establishment of the succession of the kynges most royal maiestie in the impervall crowne of this realme. Ca. cxii.



In their moste humble wise shewen vnto your maiestie, your moste humble and obediante subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclination of euery man, gladly and wyllyngly to prouide for the suretie of both his tyle & succession, all though it touche his onely priuate cause: we therfore moste ryghtfull and dreadfull soueraigne lord, reken our selves moche more bounden to beseeche and instant your highnes, all though we doubt not of your princely harte and wysedome, mixed with a naturall affection to the same, to fore se and prouide for the perfyte suretie of both you and of your moste laufull succession and heires, vppon whiche dependeth all our ioye and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knytte the onely mere trewe inheritance and tyle of this realme, without any contradiction. Wherfore we your sayde most humble and obedient subiectes, in this present parliament assembled, callynge to our remembraunce the great diuisions, whiche in tymes paste haue ben in this realme by reason of seuerall titles pretended to the imperiall crowne of the same, which somtymes, and for the most parte ensued by occasion of ambiguitee and doubttes, then not so perfectly declared, but that men myght vppon frowarde intentes expounde them to euery mannes sinistre appetite & affection, after their sence, contrary to the

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right regalitie of the succession and posteritie of the lausfull kinges and emperours of this realme: wherof hath issued great effusion and destruction of mans bloude, as wel of a great nombze of the nobles as of other the subiectes, & specially inheritours in the same. And the greatest occasion therof hath bene bicause no perfecte and substanciall pꝛouision by lawe hath bene made within this realme of it selfe, when doubtes and questions haue bene moued and pꝛoposed of the certaintie and legalytie of the succession and posteritie of the crowne. By reason wherof the bishop of Rome & see apostolyke, contrarie to the great and inuolable grauntes of iurisdiccions gyuen by god immediatly to emperours, kinges, and pꝛinces in succession to their heires, hath pꝛesumed in tymes past to inueste, who shoulde please them to inherite in other mennes kyngdomes and dominions: whiche thinge we your most humble subiectes, bothe spirituall and tempoꝛall, do moste abhorre and deteste. And sometymes other foꝛayne pꝛinces and potentates of sondꝛie degrees, mynding rather dissencion and discoꝛde to continue in the realme to the vtter desolacion therof, then charitie, equitie, oꝛ vnitie, haue many tymes supported wꝛonge titles, wherby they mighte the moze easilpe and facilly aspire to the superiourtie of the same. The continuaunce and sufferaunce wherof depely considered and pondꝛed, were to daungerous and perillous to be suffered any lenger within this realme, and to moche contrarie to the vnitie, peace, and tranquillitee of the same, beyng greatly reprocheable and dishonorable to the hole realme.

¶ IN CONSIDERACION wherof your saide most humble and obedient subiectes, the nobles and commons of this realme, callinge further to their remembraunce, that the good vnitie, peace, and welthe of this realme, and the succession of the subiectes of the same moste speciallpe and principally aboue all worldlye thinges, consisteth and resteth in the certaintie and suretie of the pꝛocreation, and posteritie of your highnes, in whose moste roiall person at this pꝛesente tyme is no maner of doubte noꝛ question, do therfoꝛe moste humblye beseeche your highnesse, that it maie please your maiestie, that it maie be enacted by your highnes, with the assente of the loꝛdes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons in this pꝛesente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the mariage heretofore solempnised bytwene your highnes and the lady Catherine, beinge befoze lausfull wyfe to pꝛince Artur, your elder brother, whiche by him was carnallye knowen, as doth duely appere by sufficient pꝛoue in a lausfull pꝛocesse had and made befoze Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god nowe archebishope of Canturbury and Metropolitane and pꝛimate of all this realme, shall be by auctoritie of this pꝛesente parlyament diffinituelie, clerelie, and absolutelye declared, demed, and adiudged to be ageynste the lawes of almighty god, and also accepted, reputed, and taken of no value ne effecte: but vtterly void and adnichiled: and the separacion therof made by the saide archebishope shall be good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes: any lycence, dispensacion, oꝛ any other acte oꝛ actes goynge afoꝛe

also, or insupinge the same, or to the contrarie therof, in any wyse not with-
standynge. And that euerie suche lycence, dispensacion, acte or actes, thyng
or thynges, heretofore had, made, done or to be done to the contrarie ther-
of shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that the saide ladye Catharine
shall be from henceforth called and reputed onely dowager to prince Artur,
and not queene of this realme. And that the lawfull matrimony had and so-
lemnised betwene your hyghnes, and your mooste dere & entirely beloued
wyse quene Anne, shall be establisshed, and taken for vndoubtefull, trewe,
syncere and perfecte euer hereafter, accorpyng to the iuste iudgemente of
the saide Thomas archbishop of Canturbury, metropolitane and primate
of all this realme, whose groundes of iudgemente haue bene confirmed as
welle by the holle clergie of this realme, in bothe the conuocacions, and by
bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua,
Paris, Orléance, Colouse, Angiew, and dyuers others: And also by the
pryuate wytynges of manye ryghte excellent well lerned menne. Whiche
groundes so confirmed, and iudgemente of the saide archbishoppe ensu-
pyng the same, to gether with your maryage solemnised, betwene your
hyghnes, and your saide lawfull wyse Queene Anne, we your saide sub-
iectes bothe spirituall and tempozall, doo purelye, playnelye, constantlye,
and firmlye accepte, approue, and ratyfie for good and consonante to the
lawes of almyghty god, without errour or defaute: Mooste humbly bese-
chynge your maiestie, that it may be so establisshed, for euer by your mooste
gracious and rovall assent.

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And furthermoze syns manye inconueniences haue fallen as well with-
in this realme as in others, by reason of marynge within the degrees of
maryage prohibite by goddes lawes, that is to saye, The sonne to marye
the mother or the stepmother: The brother, the syster: The father his son-
nes daughter, or his daughters daughter, or the sonne to marye the dought-
ter of his father, procreate and borne by his stepmother: or the sonne to
marye his aunte, beyng his fathers or mothers syster: or to marye his
uncles wyfe: or the father to marye his sonnes wyfe, or the brother to
marye his brothers wyfe, or anye man to marye his wifes daughter, or
his wifes sonnes daughter, or his wifes daughters daughter, or his wy-
fes syster. Whiche maryages all be it they be playnelye prohibite and dete-
sted by the lawes of god, yet neuerthelesse at sometymes they haue proce-
ded vnder colours of dispensacions by mannes power, whiche is but blur-
ped, and of ryghte ought not to be graunted, admitted, ne allowed. For no
man, of what estate, degre, or condicion so euer he be, hath power to dispense
with goddes lawes, as all the clergie of this realme in the saide Conuoca-
cions, and the most parte of all the famous vniuersities of Chyftendome,
and we also do affirme and thynke.

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Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that no personne or per-
sonnes, subiectes or resyantes of this realme, or in anye your dominions, of
what estate, degre, or dignitie so euer they be, shall from henceforth marye

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within the saide degrees afoze rehearsed, what pretence so euer shall be made to the contrarie therof. And in case any person or personnes, of what estate, dignitie, degree or condicion so euer they be, hath bene heretofore married within this realme, or in anye the kynges dominions, within anye the degrees aboue expessed, and by any the archebischoppes, byschoppes, or mynisters of the Churche of Englande, be separate from the boundes of suche vnlawfull mariage, that then euerly suche separacion shall be good, lawfull, firme, and permanente for euer: And not by anye power, auctoritie, or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter. And that the childerne proceeding or procreate vnder such vnlawfull mariage, shall not be lawfull ne legitimate: any foraine lawes, licences, dispensacions, or other thinge or thinges to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ And in case there be any person or persons within this realme, or in anye the kynges dominions, alredie married within any the saide degrees aboue specified, & not yet separat from the boundes of such vnlawful mariage: that the euerly such pson so vnlawfully married, shall be separate by the diffinitive sentence and iudgementes of the archbishops, bishops, and other ministers of the church of Englande, and in other your dominions within the limittes of their iurisdictions and auctorities, and by none other power or auctoritie. And that all sentences and iudgementes, gyuen and to be gyuen by anye archebishoppe, bishop, or other minister of the church of Englande, or in other the kynges dominions, within the limittes of theyr iurisdiction and auctoritie, shall be diffinitive, firme, good, and effectuell to all intentes, and be obserued and ohered without suinge any prouocacions, appeles, prohibitions, or other processe from the courte of Rome, to the derogacion therof, or contrarie to the acte made byns the beginnunge of this present parliament for restraint of such prouocacions, appeles, prohibitions, and other processe.

¶ AND also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all the yssue hadde and procreate, or hereafter to be had and procreate bytwene your hyghnes, and your sayde moste dere and entperly beloued wyfe Queene Anne, shall be your lawfull chylderne, and be inheritable and inheryte accordyng to the course of inheritaunce and lawes of this realme, the imperial crowne of the same, with all dignities, honours, preheminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdictions to the same annexed or belongyng, in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this presente tyme hath the same, as kyng of this realme, the inheritance therof to be & remayne to your sayd chyldren & right heires, in maner and forme as hereafter shall be declared. That is to saie, fyrst the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shall be to your maiestie, and to your heires of your body lawfully begotten, that is to say to the fyrste sonne of your body betwene your highnes, and your sayde lawfull wyfe Queene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of the same fyrste sonne lawfully begotten. And for defaute of such heires, then to the

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seconde sonne of your bodie, and of the bodie of the saide Queene Anne, begotten, and to the heires of the bodie of the saide seconde sonne laufullly begotten. And so to everie sonne of your bodie, and of the bodie of the saide Queene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the bodie of euerye suche sonne begotten, accoꝝpyng to the course of inheritaunce in that behalfe. And yf it shall happen your saide dere and entirely beloued wyfe Queene Anne to deceasse without yssue male of the body of your highnes to be gotten (whiche god defende) then the same imperiall crowne, and all other the pꝛemisses to be to your maiestie, as is aforesayd, and the son and heire male of your bodie laufullly begotten, and to the heires of the bodie of the same sonne and heire male laufullly begotten. And foꝝ defaute of such issue, then to your second son of your body laufullly begotten, & to the heires of the bodie of the same second sonne laufullly begotten: And so from sonne and heire male, to sonne and heire male, and to the heires of the seuerall bodies of euerye suche sonne and heire male to be gotten, accoꝝpyng to the course of inheritance, in like maner and fourme as is aboue saide. And foꝝ defaute of such sonnes of your body begotten, and of the heires of the seuerall bodies of euerye suche sonnes laufullly begotten, that then the saide imperiall crowne, and other the pꝛemisses shall be to the issue female betwene your maiestie and your saide most dere and entirely beloued wife Queene Anne begotten. That is to saie. Firste to the eldeste issue female, whiche is the ladie Elizabeth nowe pꝛinces, and to the heires of her body laufullly begotten: And foꝝ defaute of suche issue, then to the seconde issue female, and to the heires of her body laufullly begotten: And so from issue female to issue female, and to their heires of their bodies one after an other, by course of inheritaunce, accoꝝpyng to their ages, as the crowne of Englande hath bene accustomed and oughte to go in cases when there be heires females to the same. And foꝝ defaute of suche issue: then the saide imperiall crowne, and all other the pꝛemisses, shall be in the right heires of your highnes foꝝ euer.

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that on this syde the firste daie of Maie nexte comynge, proclamacions shall be made in all shires within this realme of the tenure and contentes of this acte. And yf any person oꝝ persones, of what estate, dignitie, oꝝ condicion so euer they be, subiecte oꝝ ressaunte within this realme, oꝝ els where, within anie the kinges dominions after the saide firste daie of Maie, by wytyngge oꝝ im-
pꝛyntynge, oꝝ by anie exterior acte oꝝ dede, maliciouſely procure oꝝ doo, oꝝ cause to be pꝛocured oꝝ done anie thyng oꝝ thinges to the peryl of your most toiall person, oꝝ maliciouſly geue occasion by wytyngge, pꝛint, dede oꝝ acte, wherby youre highnes mighte be disturbed oꝝ interrupted of the crowne of this realme: oꝝ by wytyngge, pꝛint, dede, oꝝ acte, procure oꝝ doo, oꝝ cause to be pꝛocured oꝝ done anie thyng oꝝ thinges to be pꝛiudice, sclaunder, disturbaunce, oꝝ derogacion, of the saide laufulll matrimonie solemnised bitwene your maiestie and the saide queene Anne: oꝝ to the perill, sclaunder, oꝝ disherison oꝝ anye the issues and heires of your highnes, being limited by this

by this acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in suche forme as is afoze saide: wherby any suche yssues or heyres of your hyghnes myght be dystroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritance to the Crowne of this realme as to them is lyMITTED in this acte, in forme aboue reherfed: that then euerye suche personne and personnes, of what estate, degree, or condycion they be of, subiecte or resiant within this realme, and their aydours, counsailours, mainteynours, and abbettours, and euerye of them, for euerye suche offence shalbe adiudged high traitours, and euerye suche offence shal be adiudged high treason, and the offendours and their aydours, counsailours, mainteynours, and abbettours, and euerye of them beyng lawfullye conuicted of suche offence by presentmente, verdycte, confession, or processe, accorpyng to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffre paynes of deathe, as in cases of highe treason. And that also euerye suche offendour, beyng conuicted, as is afozesaide, shall lose and forfayte to your hyghnes, and to your heyres kinges of this realme, all suche manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and hereditamentes, whiche they had in possession, as owners, or were sole leased of, by or in any ryght, tittle, or meanes, or anye other person or persones had to their vse of anye estate of inheritance, at the daye of suche treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shall also lose and forfayte to your hyghnes, and to your saide heyres, as well all maner suche estates of freeholde and interestis for peres of landes and rentes, as all their goodes cattalles, and debtis, whiche they had at the tyme of conuiction or atteyndre of anye suche offence. Sauynge alwayes to euerye person and personnes, and bodyes polytyke, to their heyres, assignes, & successours, and euerye of them other then suche persons as shal be so conuicted, and their heyres and successours, and all other claymyng to their vses, all suche ryght, tittle, vse, intereste, possession, condicion, rentes, fees, offyces, annuities, and communes, whiche they or anye of them shall happen to haue, in, to, or vpon anye suche manoures, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be lost and forfayte by reason of atteyndre, for anye the treasons and offences aboue reherfed, at any tyme befoze the said treasons and offences commytted.

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¶ AND be it further enacted by auctorite afozesaide, that yf anye persone or persons, after the saide fyrste daye of Maye, by any wordes without wrytynge, or any exteriour dede or acte maliciously and obstinately publyshe, diuulge or vtter anye thinge or thinges to the peryl of your hyghnes, or to the slander or prejudice of the saide matrimonye, solempnyfed betwene your highnes and the said queene Anne: or to the slander or dysherison of the yssue and heyres of your bodye begotten, and to be gotten of the sayde queene Anne, or any other your lawfull heyres, which shalbe inheritable to the crowne of this realme, as is afoze lyMITTED by this acte: that then euerye suche offence shal be taken and adiudged for mispryson of treason. And that euerye persone and persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer they

they be, subiecte or resiant within this realme, or in anie the kinges dominions so doinge and offendinge, and beyng hereof lafullie conuicte by presentemente, verdicte, p[ro]cesse, or confession, shall suffre imprisonment of their bodies at the kinges will, and shall lose as well all the goodes, cattalles, and debtes, as also suche interestes, and estates of freholde, or for peres, whiche any suche offendurs shall haue of or in any landes, rentes, or hereditamentes, what soeuer at the tyme of conuiction and atteind[er] of suche offence.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no personne nor persons offendynge in any the treasons or misprisions contened and ly[m]itted by this acte, shall in any wise haue or inioye the priuilege or immunitie of any maner of saintuaries within this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, but shall utterly lose and be excluded of the same: any vse, custome, graunte, p[re]scription, confirmacion, or anye other thinge or thinges, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that yf youre maiestie shulde happen to discesse before anye suche youre yssue and heire male, whiche shoulde inherite the crowne of this realme, shall be of his age of xiiij. peres, or before such your issue & heire female, which shuld inherite the crowne of this realme, shall be married, or be of the age of .xvi. peres (which almighty god defende) that then your sayd issue & heire male to the crowne, so beyng within the sayde age of .xviii. peres, or your saide issue and heire female to the crowne, beyng vnmarrid, or within the saide age of .xvi. peres, shalbe and remaine, vnto suche tyme as suche issues and heires shal come to their sayd seuerall ages afoze limited, at and in the gouernaunce of their naturall mother, the lyuinge, with suche others counsaillours of youre realme, as your maiestie in your lyfe tyme shall depute and assigne by your will, or other wise for the same, without contradiction of any person or personnes to the contrary therof. And if anie personne or personnes by wyrtinge or exteriour deede or acte, procure to doe, or cause to be procured or done anie thinge or thinges to the lette or disturbaunce of the same: that then euery suche offence shall be high treason, and the offendoure, beinge therof conuicte, shall suffre suche peines of dethe, and losses of inheritance, freholdes interestes for peres, goodes, cattalls, and debtes, in suche manner and fourme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afoze mencioned.

AND for the more sure establisshmente of the succession of your most royal maiestie, acco[rd]inge to the tenoure and fourme of this acte: Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that as well all the nobles of your realme spirituall and tempozall, as al other your subiectes now lyuing and beinge, or that hereafter shalbe at their ful ages, by the commaundement of youre maiestie, or of your heires, at all tymes hereafter from tyme to tyme, when it shall please you, highnes, or your heires to appointe, shall make a corpozal othe in the p[re]sence of your highnes, or your heires, or before suche other, as your maiestie, or your heires wll depute for the same, that they

that shall truelie, ffirmely, and constantly without fraude or gyle obserue, fulfill, mainteine, defende and kepe, to thei? cunnynge, witte, and bitter moste of their powers, the hole effectes and contentes of this presente acte. And that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall and tempoꝛal, supꝛing liueray, restitutiones, or oter le maine out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heires, or doynge any fealtie to your highnes, or to your heires, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall swere a lyke coꝛpoꝛal othe, that thei and euerie of them, withoute fraude or gyle, to their cunnynge, witte, and bittermoste of their powers, shall truelye, ffirmelie and constantly obserue, fulfill, mainteine, defende, and kepe the effectes and contentes conteyned and specified in this acte, or in anye parte therof. And that yet noꝛ any of thei shall hereafter haue any lyuerayes, oter le maine, or restitution out of your handes, noꝛ out of the handes of your heires, tyll they haue made the sayde coꝛpoꝛal othe, in fourme aboue reherfed. And if any person or persones, beyng commaundered by auctoritie of this acte, to make the saide oth afoꝛe lymitted, obstinately refuse that to do in contempt of this acte: that then euery suche person (so doynge) to be taken and accepted foꝛ offendour in mispryson of hygh treason. And that euery suche refusal shall be demed and adiudged mispryson of high treason, and the offendour therein to suffre such peines and imprisonmentes, losses, and forfaitures, and also lose priuileges of sanctuaries, in lyke maner and foꝛme as is aboue mencioned foꝛ the misprysones of tresons afoꝛe lymitted by this acte. **¶** Provided alwaies, that the attyple in this acte conteyned, concernynge prohibicions of mariages within the degrees afoꝛe mencioned in this acte, shall alwaies be taken, interpreted, and expounded of such mariages, where mariages were solempnyfed, and carnall knowlage was had.

✠ GOD SAVE THE KYNGE



ANNO. XXVI.

HENRICI

VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE
session of this present parlia-
ment holden vpon prorogacion at
Westm, the. III. daie of Nouēber,
in the. XXVI. yere of the reigne
of our moste dread soueraine lord
kyng HENRY the. VIII. and
there continued and kepte till
the. XVIII. daie of Decem-
ber nexte ensuyng.

To the honoz
of god,
and

for the common weale and
profite of this
realme.

THO. BERTHELET

EXCVDEBAT.

CVM PRIVILEGIO.